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Missouri Southern's tennis team battled Truman State University in their final home game of the season.... Sports Scene, Page 12



Chris Roberts (left) could not get in touch with his family until 8 p.m. on Tuesday night in regards to his brother Shawn (right) who is a student at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. and was present at the time of the shootings.

SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Tragedy in Colorado hits close to home

Chris Roberts, a staff writer for *The Chart*, provides an exclusive report of Tuesday's shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. His brother, Shawn, is a 17-year-old junior at Columbine. Following is Chris' account.

It's 3:30 in the afternoon and I've just gotten out of class. Looking forward to a couple of hours of relaxation before I have to go to work, I sit down and start flipping through the channels. Quickly skimming through the news channels, like I always do, I barely catch the words "Columbine High School" flashing across one channel.

There on CNN is the most shocking thing I've seen in my life. Imagine my panic as I heard the news anchor relate that a number of students are injured and possibly more dead within the school due to an all-out assault by two crazed students.

Quickly I pick up the phone and call home, but of course the phones are down. One hand holding the phone, the other holding the remote, I strain to hear any good news. The pictures on the screen do nothing to bring me peace of mind. Finally, after four hours of calling every other minute, I get through to my father at home.

"Dad, what's going on?" I demand, only to be answered by crying.

Thinking the worst, feeling sobs of my own beginning to rise up, I yell at my dad to tell me something, anything!

Quickly getting hold of himself, he said, "Your brother is fine, he's out trying to find your mother."

With a sigh of relief, I sit back and continue to watch the news for any new information. The more I see, the more I feel so detached, almost like it's not real. That's my hometown. Nothing violent ever happens there.

Impatiently I wait for my brother, Shawn, to call and give me his version. Finally, after a number of comforting calls from family and friends, his voice comes through. Before he even gets a chance to say anything, I have to get something in. Quickly I blurt out, "I love you."

"I know," he responds, and we both laugh, relieved finally to be talking to each other.

After reassuring myself he's all right and all of the essentials are out of the way, I tell him to give me his version.

This is how he tells it...

The shooting begins

"I was on my lunch hour, sitting in the commons with my friend Greg," he said. "The first thing we heard was a loud boom from outside, and then the next thing we

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Event raises money for scholarship

By ERIC GRUBER
ARTS EDITOR

Recently there was a roundup on the campus of Missouri Southern, but fortunately no branding of cattle were involved.

On April 16, the Alumni Association organized the first All-Star Roundup. The gathering was sponsored by Dennis and Gerry Weaver, 1943 Joplin Junior College graduates.

"We also had Ed Begley Jr., comedian Bill Atterberry, and Linda Gray from *Dallas*," said Lee Pound, alumni director.

The event was held to raise money for the Dennis Weaver Scholarship Fund for Ecconomics. Ecconomics is the study

and mixture of ecology and economics, and the promotion of sustainable alternatives that are economically profitable.

Although donations are still coming in, more than \$24,000 has been raised so far. The money will go not only to the Dennis Weaver Scholarship, but also to the Dennis Weaver Institute.

"I had a wonderful time," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "I think we achieved two main goals. We raised the consciousness of ecconomics, and we raised a considerable amount of money for the foundation."

Much of the money raised came from ticket sales, as well as other events during the evening. Guests paid \$15 each to

attend a reception and \$35 for a barbecue dinner.

"We had a pre-dinner reception at 6, which there were 325 in attendance," Pound said. "After that there was a dinner at 7, which had 387 in attendance."

There was also a celebrity auction where items were auctioned off to help raise additional money for the roundup.

"A 'Tool Time' hammer from the 'Tim Allen Show' went for \$400," Pound said. "Also, Peter Falk and Sally Struthers sent original artwork."

Pound said many people liked the auction, and it will likely be included in next year's roundup.

"We're already beginning planning for next year," she said. □

STUDENT SENATE

Students will vote for leaders Monday

By ERIN SELLERS
CAMPUS EDITOR

The reign of this year's Student Senate officers is drawing to a close. On Monday, students will cast their votes for the new officer candidates. Students won't have as many

options to fill the positions as they have in past years. Only two of the four positions have more than a single candidate.

Heather Hoyle, senior biology major, is the only person running for the office of secretary.

And along the same solo path, Steven Bishop, sophomore general business

major, is alone in running for treasurer.

The vice presidency has two candidates. The current secretary, Nicole Hollenberg, is running against Jason Young, senior kinesiology major.

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BRAVING THE WEATHER



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Danny and Donna Bowman from Purdy, Mo., bundle up and drink hot tea during Friday's Special Olympics event held at Fred G. Hughes. Turn to page 14 for more on the recent Special Olympics meet.

COMPUTER CENTER

Hearnes Hall computers, files apparent target of campus hacker

Unauthorized persons access Southern network

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Some tricky moves with the keyboard have gotten an unauthorized individual into Missouri Southern's computer network in the past couple of weeks.

Hacking, as this is known, is the unlawful entry into a computer system for any purpose by means of the Internet or working off a network server.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the College has noticed the presence of someone in its computer system.

"We have found some indications that there's been an unauthorized person accessing some of our network servers," he said.

Tiede said even though there have been

rumors about Southern's computer system failing because of a hacker, there have been no such problems.

"At this point the functionality of the network has not been compromised," he said. "It hasn't caused any problems within the network. We are continuing to take the necessary steps to prevent the unauthorized access from occurring."

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, said the hacker has been limited to one area at this point.

"What they've had the ability to do is get in the Hearnes Hall server," he said. "They can't change any grades or anything financial."

Tiede said this is the first time Southern has had this type of problem, and it is a very serious matter.

Earney said the individual may have been trying to alter or check student records, which would be the reason for choosing the server of Hearnes Hall, the administration building.

"That's a happy circumstance, as student records are on the mainframe," he said.

Tiede agreed that the hacker will not be able to put any student records in danger.

"The network that's on the backbone does not include student records, so there's been no compromise in that way."

Tiede said personnel and business records are not available through the network either. □

Around Campus:

Victoria Lou gives a presentation for the International Club
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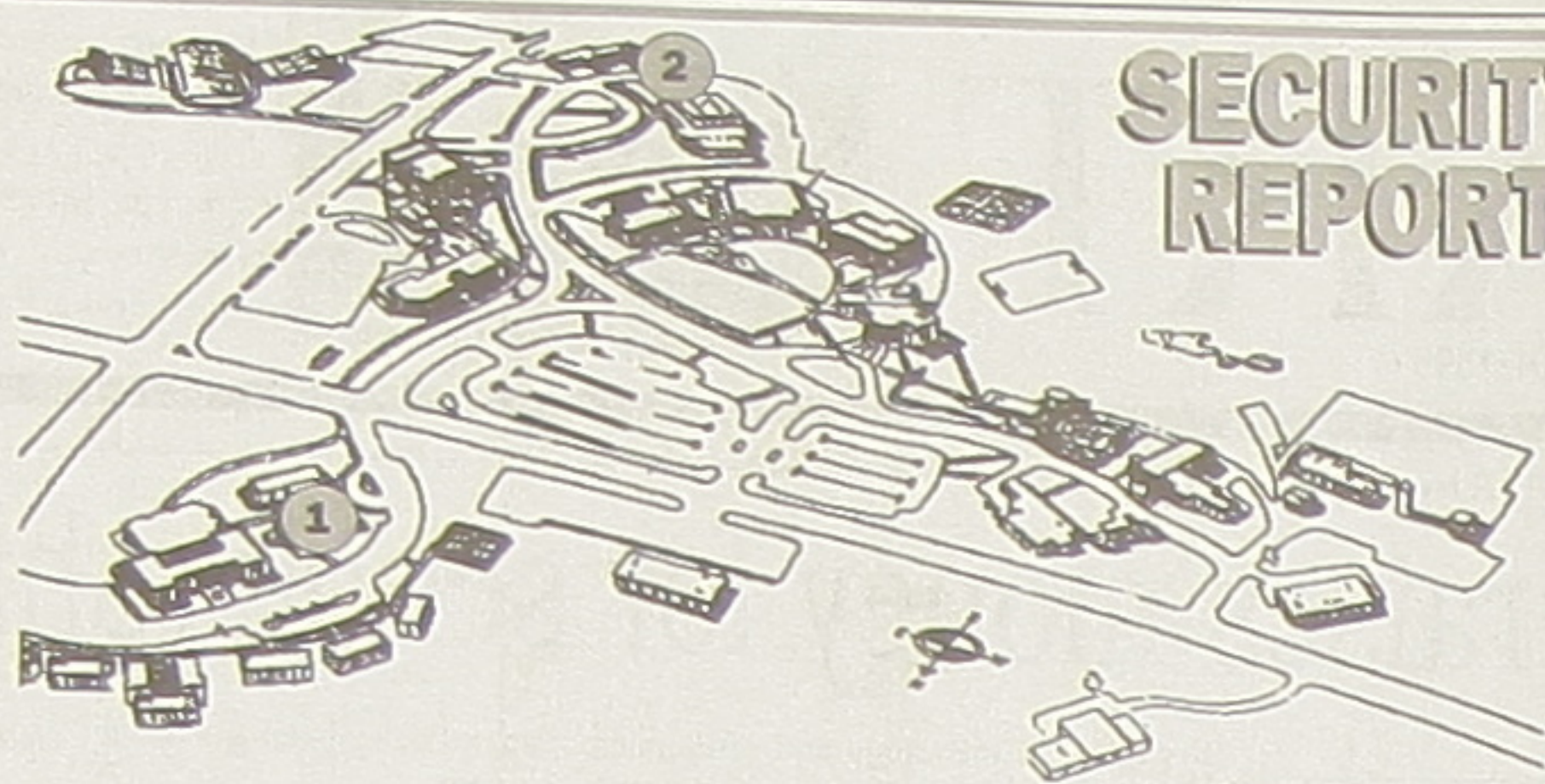
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Pieces of the Past

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SECURITY REPORT



- 1 4/15/99 Lot #41 11:30 a.m. Jerry Worley's 1996 Camero hit a parked car. There was damage to the left side of the vehicle.
- 2 4/15/99 Lot #39 10:35 a.m. Stacie Stewart, driver of a 1994 Probe, and Mikka Clemens, driver of a 1993 Grand Am, collided in lot #39. Damage to Stewart's vehicle was at the left rear. Damage to Clemens' vehicle was at the right rear.

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BILLINGSLY STUDENT CENTER

Doll new box office manager

Surber appointed switchboard position

By ERIC GRUBER
ARTS EDITOR

The box office of Missouri Southern has some new developments under way. May Doll has recently been added to the Southern staff as the new box office manager.

Doll, pronounced "Dole," gave some insight on being the box office attraction.

"I graduated from South Lake Tahoe High School in California," she said.

"I married a boy from Kansas, and he brought me back here."

She said her husband had intended to be a farmer but turned banker instead.

Currently, Doll is in training at

her new position, which she began on Monday.

"I'm learning the different hotels and the different theaters," she said.

"Southern has different trips to St. Louis, as well as other different trips at a discount for students."

The Southern box office sells tickets for such events as plays, concerts, and even national touring acts that may come to campus.

But it also handles tickets for theme parks and theaters, as well as sporting events and music venues.

But starting this new job came with an influx of requests for an upcoming event in May.

"We're busy with commencement tickets right now," Doll said.

She is currently being trained by her predecessor, Rae Surber,

now the College switchboard operator.

"She has taken over my old job," Surber said.

"She's going to be fine over there."

Surber said her decision to change came because she was wanting a job with more hours available.

"The box office was a part-time job, and this is full-time," she said. "That was my reason for coming over here."

Surber has been the College operator for approximately a month now, and has had plenty of time to get acquainted with the switchboard system.

"We have 26 incoming lines and 23 outgoing lines that seem to ring all day long," she said.

"Once you memorize your basic department numbers, it makes it a lot easier." □

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Eberhardt ends thirteen-year Southern career

Professor believes courses relevant to all

By BRIAN WIRTH
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern will be losing a 30-year veteran business instructor at the end of this semester with the retirement of Dr. Duane Eberhardt, professor of business.

Born in Wisconsin, he grew up in Denver, Colo. He attended San Diego State University, where he received his bachelor's degree, and the University of Southern California for his master's and doctorate.

Teaching was not Eberhardt's first choice as a career. After no luck at becoming an aerospace engineer, he decided to go into teaching.

Eberhardt began teaching in 1969 at Northern Arizona University. He later

assumed teaching duties at Angelo (Texas) State University, where he received the Piper Professor Award. Upon leaving Angelo State, Eberhardt came to Southern in 1986.

"I taught at Northern Arizona for four years, Angelo State for 13 years, and Missouri Southern for 13 years," he said. "Southern has been the best place that I have worked."

Eberhardt has taught business and statistics classes for nearly 30 years, yet says he still enjoys the subject.

"I always liked teaching business and economics because they are so relevant to everything," Eberhardt said.

His reason for retiring is simple.

"Because I am 64 and a half and I have worked long enough," Eberhardt said.

He plans to spend his retirement by doing some gardening, reading, traveling, and relaxing with his wife.

"I also plan on going on a mission trip to

help out, but we don't know exactly where we are going to go yet," Eberhardt said.

He will miss teaching because of Southern's students and the staff.

"I will miss the contact with the students, and I really enjoyed working with the faculty and staff here at Southern," Eberhardt said.

J.E. Cruse, senior economics and finance major, has fond memories of this retiring faculty member.

"I think he is tough, but he is a very good teacher and I learned a lot in his class," he said. "I had a good time in his classes."

Eberhardt has helped out his fellow business instructors, and many of them look up to him, according to Marvin Larson, assistant professor of business.

"He has a lot of background in business and he is very good at math, which made him very good at what he does," Larson said. "He is a mentor to me, and I think to all of us." □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart
Dr. Duane Eberhardt, professor of business, is retiring from Southern after 13 years.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

They Might Be Giants tickets still available

Plenty of tickets remain for Tuesday night's They Might Be Giants concert at Missouri Southern.

The 8 p.m. performance in Taylor Auditorium is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Reserved seating tickets are \$10 for Southern students and \$15 for the general public.

After headlining more than 1,100 shows and turning the odometers over on four vans and two cars, They Might Be Giants have the unlikely distinction of being alternative rock's journeymen. Their music represents a mix of rock, jump swing, Cajun, funk, and cocktail jazz.

Tickets are available in Room 112 of the Billingsly Student Center. □

1997 graduate named top beginning teacher

Andrew "Andy" Adams, a 1997 Missouri Southern graduate, has received the "Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award" from the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The award recognizes outstanding first-, second-, and third-year teachers. Adams is in his second year as a sixth grade teacher at Triway Elementary in the East Newton School District.

Keith Rook, Triway principal, said Adams is "truly an inventive and gifted teacher. He is the type of person who adapts easily to almost any situation. He even branched out this year and became involved in coaching as an assistant junior high volleyball coach."

At Southern, Adams was the recipient of the Spencer Bartlett Respect Award and president of Phi Eta Sigma. □

Symphonic Band visits Taylor with spring concert

The Symphonic Band of Missouri Southern will present its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Taylor Auditorium. Admission is free.

Under the direction of Pete Havelly and Robert Meeks, the 78-piece band will perform marches, symphonic works, and popular and patriotic pieces. The program includes works such as "Colossus of Columbia" march, "Emblem of Unity" march, "Butterfly Dance," "Stomp Dance," and "Alligator Dance." □

Southern Instructional Television unveils lineup

Southern Instructional Television (SI-TV) has unveiled a new Saturday morning schedule that will provide an alternative to the traditional weekend fare.

Television viewers who subscribe to the cable service in Monett, Aurora, Pierce City, Carthage, Lamar, and Neosho can see "Education Digest" at 9 a.m. on Saturdays. "Education Digest" is an interview program hosted by Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education at Missouri Southern.

"Hispanic News," a 30-minute news roundup in Spanish, airs at 9:30 a.m.

"Cultural Awareness" is a bilingual program in Spanish and English on topics ranging from bank transitions to health clinic services. Lucy Bond of the Carthage Family Literacy Council is host and translator for this program that airs at 10:30 a.m.

At noon on Saturdays, "Visions Unlimited" will air. The program is a broadcast magazine show produced by senior citizens from the community. □

Faculty voice recital set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday

The faculty organization of Missouri Southern will hold its annual college-wide meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday in Webster Hall auditorium.

In addition to treatment of important institutional matters, the faculty will elect two representatives to the Faculty Senate, an alternate member of the Personnel Committee, and a representative to the Student Affairs Committee. □

Former chairman leaves

After 29 years of service to Missouri Southern, Dr. Joe Lambert, professor of English and director of the writing program, is preparing for retirement.

Lambert served as head of the English department from 1985-92. Before coming to Southern, he spent five years teaching philosophy at a junior college in Florida. He was also an instructor for four years at the University of Auburn, where he received his Ph.D.

Lambert has taught a number of classes at Southern, including the College Composition sequence, American Literature, Twentieth Century Poetry, and Literary Criticism. His favorite class to teach is Literary Criticism.

"I'm divided," he said. "I like modern poetry, too." Dr. Dale Simpson, head of the English department, notes that a fine man is leaving the College.

"If you were to look up the term 'laid back' in the dictionary, his picture would be right next to it," Simpson said.

In his free time, Lambert enjoys trail riding with horses. He and his wife have a group of people they ride with when the weather permits, and he hopes to do more of this in retirement.

"The way I have been thinking lately, I hope to get back to the three basics," he said. "Reading, writing, and some arithmetic. When working full-time, you don't get to read as much as you would like. I want to seize the opportunity."

Lambert thinks what makes Southern unique is that it's not too difficult to get the students involved. He says this is the biggest strength of the College.

"I think maybe students are the most important thing of all," he said. "Most students I run into are self-motivated and ambitious to make their lives better, and they tend to take their courses seriously as a result. That's what makes it a good school."

Simpson likes how Lambert always seems to talk to his students rather than lecture them.

Lambert says he decided to be a teacher because he had a long desire to be of service to mankind.

"I think I'll miss the students and teaching process," he said. "I'm still really enjoying what I'm doing." □



Dr. Joe Lambert
Professor of English

DENTAL HYGIENE

Founding professor ready to step aside

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR



MATT MADURA/The Chart
Nancy Karst was an inaugural member of Southern's dental hygiene program. Karst, who followed her husband to Southern, is retiring.

After 24 years of training dental health professionals at Missouri Southern, Nancy Karst, assistant professor of dental hygiene, is ready to step aside.

Karst said her husband's career originally brought her to Joplin.

"My husband (Larry Karst, counselor) took a job at Missouri Southern in 1968," she said. "So we were living here at the time they started talking about the hygiene and assisting programs. I served on the advisory committee in 1974 prior to the opening of the program."

Karst then became an inaugural member of the new department's faculty, in 1975. She said the department has changed over the years in technology, faculty, and the program itself.

"We've had some years when we've had new instructors every year," Karst said. "One year I came back and I was the only person left on staff, besides the secretary. So the students were, needless to say, a bit upset because they didn't know them. We had a complete turnover in staff."

"There have been a lot of changes to the programs. We had dental assisting and dental hygiene for a while, and now we just have the hygiene," she said.

Karst said the students have been one of

her favorite aspects of teaching.

"I love the students, I've loved the contact with the students," she said. "We have a good time, we learn a lot. We share a lot of information along with a lot of experiences."

"I'm going to miss that," Karst said. "There's always lots of fun people to meet, a lot of interesting people. You learn a lot."

Tia Strait, assistant professor of dental hygiene, said Karst will be missed.

"We can never replace Nancy," she said. "We can fill the position. But we can never replace Nancy Karst."

"She is probably the most organized, efficient individual I've ever known," Strait said. "She has been a wonderful mentor to me."

One of the highlights of Karst's career has been the ability to travel in association with her job. She and Strait traveled to Australia in May 1998.

"I love the new international mission and I love the fact that they were able to get funding so that students and faculty alike could go," Karst said. "I think there's a lot to be learned from these types of trips. Not just necessarily with a schedule of historical things but also with visiting with other people."

Karst said she may work part-time at a local dentist's office or do some work with the Internet. □

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Old Reynolds Hall cowboy rides off into sunset

Wayne Stebbins acts on 10-year urge to retire

By CHRIS ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

That old cowboy with the black alligator-skin boots and the western-style shirt seen so often walking the halls of Reynolds Hall is hanging up his spurs.

After 30 years at Missouri Southern and a 40-year career in education, Wayne Stebbins, associate professor of biology, has decided to call it quits.

"I've been thinking about retirement for about 10 years," he said. "And I guess I just finally decided that it's time to move on."

Stebbins arrived on the Missouri Southern campus in 1969 when, he says, "they were doing a lot of hiring." He first was contacted about the position by Dr. L.J. Gier, a biologist/botanist who had become a sort of mentor for Stebbins at William Jewell College.

"I guess I followed him down here," he said. "He was really the one who got me started."

Stebbins, who spent eight years teaching in Kansas public schools and two years at William Jewell, hit the ground running upon arriving at Southern. He taught several classes that first year, including four in the summer.

"That was really a heavy load then and is virtually unheard of now," he said. "But I made it through that first year and have been here ever since."

Stebbins said the biology faculty has been exceptional.

"Southern has been extremely good to me, and any time I have needed somebody to cover for me, there has always been somebody there," he said.

Not that there have been many occasions when Stebbins has needed coverage.

"I don't think he's missed a day in the entire time I've been here," said David Tillman, an

associate professor of biology who also has announced his retirement. "That is probably the biggest tribute to Wayne, that he's been so dependable."

Though usually busy teaching classes or creating his notoriously tough tests, Stebbins always found time to relax with his favorite pastimes — hunting and horses.

"I've always loved the outdoors," he said. "That's what attracted me to science in the first place. I've also been an avid hunter and a member of many a saddle club."

"Wayne loves to hunt," Tillman said. "We have hunted together often. At one point, I thought he was never going to hunt with me again, though."

"There was a time when we had been hunting in a particular spot and I put him up in a tree stand at the beginning of the day. At the end of the day, he was still up there, and needless to say, a little bit upset with me for leaving him up there. He must have gotten over it, though, because we've been hunting a number of other times."

Stebbins' other passion, horse trading, is what earned him the nickname "cowboy of the bunch," whispered fondly throughout the department.

"Ever since I can remember, I have loved horses," Stebbins said. "There are two large local stockyards around town, and usually I raise, buy, and sell anywhere from two to eight horses."

"My favorite part of it is the wheeling and dealing, though that is followed closely by enjoyable rides through one or another of the surrounding national forests."

Stebbins usually doesn't keep any particular horse for an extended period of time, except for one he's had since the horse was a colt.

"His name is Smoky, and he's half mustang and half appaloosa," he said. "He's not a pretty horse, but he reminded me so much of Matt Dillon's horse on 'Gunsmoke' that I just had to have him." □



MATT MADURA/The Chart
Wayne Stebbins ends 30 years of service to Missouri Southern at the end of the semester.

Stebbins plans to continue enjoying the outdoors, and if the good weather sticks around, plans to spend most of his days riding Smoky whenever and wherever he can.

Before departing, he wanted to impart an important lesson he has learned over the years.

"Look ahead," he said. "Don't wait until the last minute. Things happen so fast. It really doesn't seem like it's been that long and here I am retiring."

Tillman agrees, sadly. "Southern is losing one of its greatest senior members all too soon," he said.

"We're going to miss him." □

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Shootings are closer to home than thought

Every once in a while we have the experience of living in a moment that will forever be recorded in history.

Finding out that John F. Kennedy had been shot was one such event for people alive at that time, as were the Challenger explosion, Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon, and the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

Whether exciting or devastating, these are the kind of events that are etched in the mind and shape the way people remember their pasts when referring to milestones.

As many Americans may still remember the Kent State massacre, so will this generation of high school and college students remember Tuesday's mass murders in Colorado. It joins the images of slain students from other schools across the country, but stands out. May be this is due to the length and randomness of the torture students and teachers suffered at the hands of their captors. Perhaps it is the body count and the scenes of searching parents and descriptions of the cold killings.

At *The Chart*, we are feeling the sting of this tragedy as it has changed classifications from one we look at through the screen of our televisions to the tragedy we see through the eyes of a friend and co-worker.

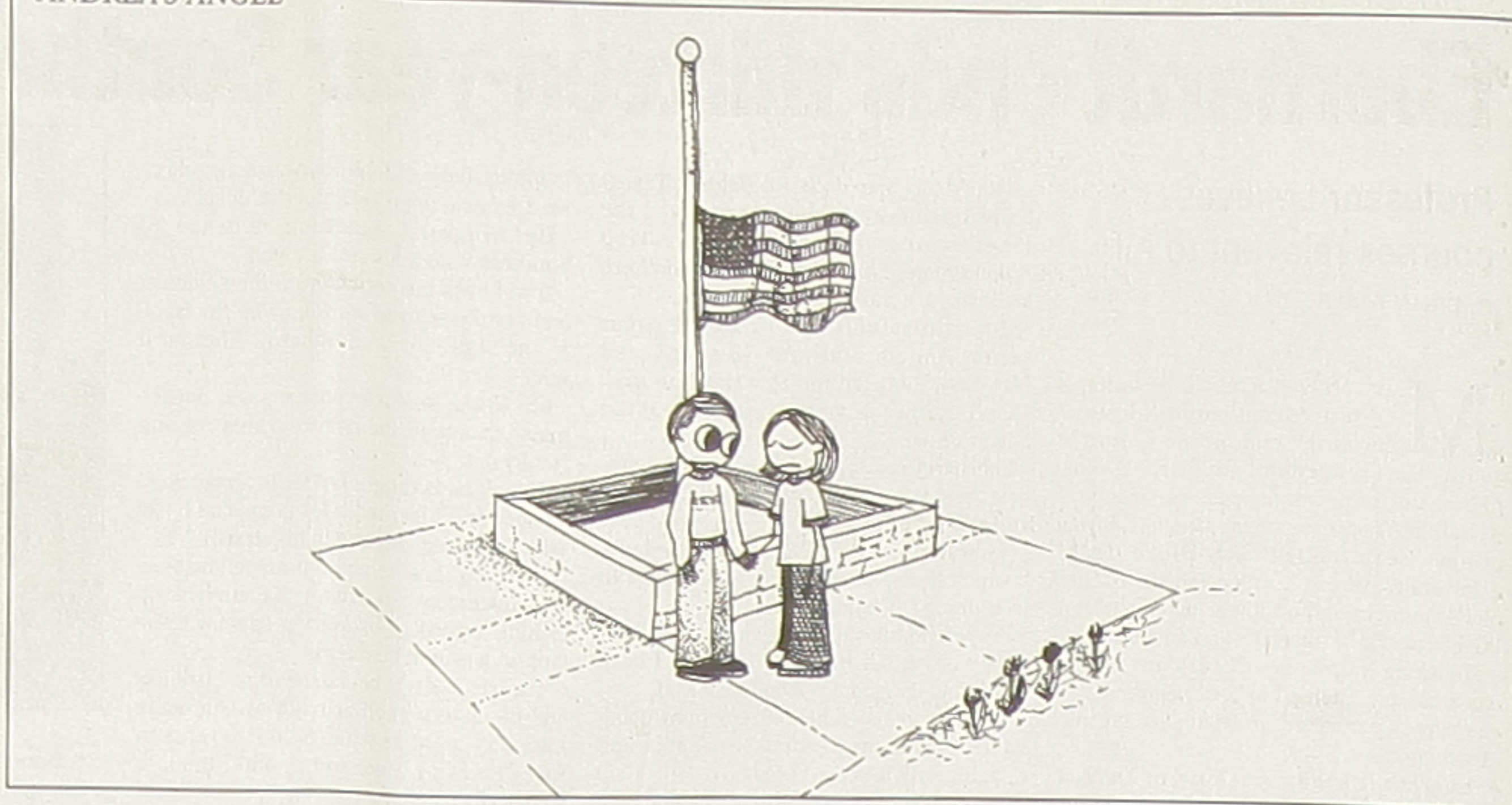
The reality of waiting to know if a sibling is still living while watching the grizzly scene on CNN is real to us now. The unbelievable feeling of hearing classmates get shot and walking over dead bodies to exit a school building has eyes and ears for us now via Chris Roberts' family.

This gruesome scene will stick with many throughout the years and undoubtedly haunt those who experienced the event firsthand.

We need to think about what message this sends to our community and ask ourselves what role we can play in making sure history doesn't repeat itself.

As we reflect on the tragedy and hurt for those who are scarred, it is simple to see how close Littleton, Colo., is to home. □

ANDREA'S ANGLE



IN PERSPECTIVE

Newspapers must find what readers want to know

The other morning I woke up with this revelation (or at least it seemed like one at the time).

"I have been in the communications business 30 years."

That thought made me do some quick math to make sure that I was accurate. I felt far too young to have been in this business for more than a quarter of a century. But I didn't need an auditor to tell me that indeed it was true. I started at a newspaper in Pennsylvania. The paper was owned by the Ottaway newspaper group. Since then, I have worked at five great locations across the country.

With that in mind, I thought I would trace some of the things that I've noticed. Perhaps it will give you a behind-the-scenes look at my profession.

First, most newspapers have always clearly understood their mission. Many journalists and printers started newspapers because they had a cause in which they believed. Since then, newspapers have continued to inform the public about issues they felt their readers needed to know.

Today, we still provide this information, but

it's become much more important to find out what readers want to know. We work diligently to find out what things affect people's lives so we can present timely, necessary information that will help them make decisions. Frankly, I'm not sure newspapers were as attentive to what made readers tick as they are today. Sometimes competition is the impetus to push some newspapers down a more "caring" road. I've always believed, however, that we should do what's right not only for our business, but for our readers.

We have an obligation to inform the public.

We have an obligation to be a healthy link in our corporation's newspaper "chain."

Second, newspapers were always somewhat involved in community projects, but I don't know that they always realized the impact they could have in shaping their community. Today we see newspapers getting involved in all sorts of community endeavors. *The Globe* is more responsive to community programs and events than any other newspaper where I've worked. We spend thousands of dollars for programs we think are good for our community and will lead us in a positive direction. Our *Globe* team members are involved in hundreds of causes that will create a better life for us and future generations.

Third, I don't think newspapers always realized how important it was to get young people involved in their product. This is a mission I have felt strongly about. We feel so strongly about this that we have a full-time teacher on

staff at *The Globe*. We also sponsor about 30 educational events each year. Many of these events involve our employees going out to area schools where we work on projects with students. We also give about 100 tours each year. During the past few years we have brought people in to our newspaper to see how our whole process works. Some of these people may be part of our workforce in the future, and we recognize this direct tie.

Fourth, we open our doors to people's opinions and try to change what we can to make sure that we are structuring the newspaper the way they want it. This does not mean, however, that we will always agree and always change our products and services to meet every desire. Our paid obituary program is an example of this. Although it has been done at many newspapers throughout the nation for years, it was a new concept for this area.

Now let's talk about the relationship between a newspaper and colleges in its area. I believe a strong college is essential to creating the best environment for a community. A college is also a great resource for a newspaper. There are many partnerships that can be developed. Several years ago, we developed our 4-States Roundtable, a study circle group. The concept has been practiced more widely in Sweden, but we adopted it for this area of the country after I observed it being done in Pomfret, Conn., at the

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Dan Chiodo
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EDITORS COLUMN

Flat tire incident drives editor to edge of insanity on already stressed workday

You ever had a really bad day? Wednesday was probably one of the worst days I've had in a long time. Actually, it was a pretty good day (for a Wednesday) up until about 5:15 p.m. After receiving a call from my girlfriend to pick her up for work a little early, I darted out so that I could



Andre L. Smith
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return to *The Chart* at a decent time.

Little did I know that God had another plan in mind.

From Newman Road, I crossed Range Line and suddenly heard something that sounded like "ssss." No, it wasn't a snake. It was my ding dong tire, and it was flatter than one-month-old soda.

So I attempted to turn around in the middle of the street. It was successful. I remembered that I purchased the tire from The Tire Shop across Range Line from Smitty's. My 400-yard journey fell short about 399 yards, and I ended up on the corner of Range Line and Newman.

Once I was over the shock, I began to walk to the good ole Tire Shop in hopes that they would replace my week-old tire. On the way, senior communications major Todd Eaton pulled up to give me a lift.

We got to The Tire Shop, and the dude who was there and replaced my tire last week said he couldn't leave the shop, so I was pretty much on my own until I got my car there.

So Todd and I took his air tank and proceeded to put air in the tire. No chance. After going back and forth a few times, we figured out that the tire was not going to hold ANY air.

Greeeeat.

There I am on Range Line ready to fight. In the meantime, my friend Eric Deyo pulls up to offer help on his way to church. After he departed, my buddy Russell Wicklund pulled up and did everything I should have done.

In the meantime, everyone and their mother passed by waving, honking, laughing, and occasionally whistling. Jeremy Walker and Danell Watson stopped to help a brotha out (thanks guys).

Anyway, Wicklund (after many attempts by Eaton and me) got my spare out of the trunk.

We popped it on, and you'd think it was all good. But wait! My battery went dead somewhere in the process.

Carrie Mosbaugh and Heather Darnell, who stopped to lend a hand, were able to have Mosbaugh's father bring jumper cables from home. To make a long, frustrating story short, the dude who was there and replaced my tire last week popped on another tire within a matter of minutes and I was on my way.

Thanks to the guys who helped me out and to the ladies who truly saved the day. Ultimately, thank you Lord for looking out when I almost went insane. □

YOUR LETTERS

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Student believes dropping Geier would be poor decision for "teaching institution"

I remember when I toured Missouri Southern, the guide told me it was a teaching institution. She went on to explain that at Southern, a professor's main concern was not to be published in prestigious academic journals or lecture at conventions, but to provide a quality education. So, when I heard that the contract renewal of Dr. James A. Geier was in a questionable stage, I was thrust into a state of shock. I could not fathom how an institution that claims to hold education in such high regard could do anything but cherish a professor like Dr. Geier.

In my two semesters at Southern, I have had the priv-

ilege of being enrolled in two of Dr. Geier's courses. Both of them have been more than positive experiences. I have walked away from the courses with educational enrichment that far surpasses that of any other course I have experienced. I am of firm belief that this enrichment can be credited solely to Dr. Geier.

I have never encountered a teacher at any level who presents material with such enthusiasm and vigor. Dr. Geier demonstrates both a qualitatively and quantitatively superior wealth of knowledge on the subject matter presented.

During these two courses, I have also had the opportunity to witness the compassion Dr. Geier has for his students. He has been more than willing to assist students needing outside help. He has also been willing to accommodate each student's individual needs.

I have also had the privilege of having Dr. Geier serve as my adviser. Here I have felt his concern for students extend beyond the classroom. He has always been willing to stay past office hours to ensure that I have everything that I need. His guidance and counseling have started me in my path to success at Southern. I feel assured that my proclivities on this subject, as

well as those of others who sing the praises of Dr. Geier, will be taken into careful consideration before any hasty decisions are made. I can only hope that Southern will realize the great asset Dr. Geier is to its institution.

To lose his knowledge, compassion, and spirit would be a disappointment to all your teaching institution claims to stand for.

Shelly A. Meador
Sophomore sociology major



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MUSIC/PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Traveling enhances freshman's life

By KIM WILLIAMS
CHART REPORTER

Seeing the world from many different places has made Michael Weston an experienced tourist.

Weston, a freshman undecided major, has traveled to most of the 48 continental states. He and his family went on many vacations when he and his sister were younger, but Weston has also done extensive traveling on his own. One of his favorite states is Colorado. Weston enjoys snow skiing.

"Colorado has the best slopes; I would love to travel there each year just to go skiing," he said.

Weston has also traveled outside of the United States.

"I went to Venice, Italy, to see

some of my friends who were in the Air Force; it was really cool getting to see another country and at the same time hang out with some of my really great friends," he said.

Weston was in the Jazz Band at Southern last spring and got to travel to London with the group.

"London is awesome," he said. "If anyone ever gets the chance to go there, they definitely should."

Weston also lived in Chicago last summer.

"I went there for the experience of living in a big city," he said. "I was working at Holiday Inn at the time and saw a huge difference between working at the one in Chicago and the one here in Joplin."

Chicago was so alive and exciting every minute, which made the days go by very quickly. There was just

so much to do and see there."

One of Weston's hobbies is playing the drums for his band, The Rowsabouts.

They have played together for about three years. The band consists of eight members: trumpet, trombone, baritone sax, alto sax, guitar, bass guitar, drums, and vocals.

"We didn't normally play in Joplin — we usually play in Springfield — but we have played in places such as St. Louis, Omaha, Lawrence, and a few other cities," he said.

The band still practices on occasion, but not as often because two of its members moved to Columbia to go to the University of Missouri. Weston loves the band and music.

"It's difficult seeing the band with major plans for the future, since

two of our guys don't live here," he said.

"It's just hard getting everyone together for practice. Our future plans depend on everyone else in the band."

Weston was a music major, but is now undecided because he is thinking about changing his major to psychology.

"Even though I love music, there's really not much I can do with it in Joplin, and psychology is what I'm most interested in, so I'm going to give it a try," he said.

With this switch in majors, his favorite instructor is still Dr. Al Carnine, associate professor of music.

"He is very entertaining while he is teaching, which keeps me awake," Weston said. □

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Lori Sifford, senior education major, began singing with talking.

Harmonious blend comes with music

By CANDACE MOORE
CHART REPORTER

During her college career, senior education major Lori Sifford has been able to bring her two true loves together.

She met her husband, Justin, a junior communications major, two years ago. He proposed on Valentine's Day 1998 and they exchanged vows in August.

"I married the love of my life and he brought beautiful music to my life," Sifford said.

A singer since she could speak, Sifford happened to find someone who loved music and the stage as much as she does.

"It's so neat to have someone in my life who understands why I love music as much as I do," Sifford said. "Lots of evenings we just sit around and sing and play guitar."

Although she isn't planning on singing as a career, it has been a major source of income since high school.

Sifford sings at weddings and banquets, performed in the Fort Scott Jubilee for five years, and spent last summer rehearsing at the Lowes Sisters Theatre in Branson.

"It was kind of disappointing because we worked so hard all summer and the show didn't even open until after I had to go back to school," she said.

Something dear to Sifford besides singing is her family.

"We are very close-knit," she said. "The thing that really binds us is our Christianity."

She is close to her two sisters and has a special affection for her two young nieces.

"They are adorable," she said. "Watching them grow up makes me realize just how fast time goes by."

Sifford's love for children helped in her decision to major in early childhood education. It seemed to be the perfect career for her values and the kind of lifestyle she wanted.

"I would like to have a family someday, and it's so conducive to that," she said.

Sifford believes the kind of teacher a child has can make a big difference in their future.

"If you have somebody who believes in you when you're young, you are just so much more likely to be successful," she said. "If I can help somebody be successful, then I've done my job."

One of the things Sifford is most proud of is paying for college by herself.

She held down two or three jobs each semester and received scholarships for good grades. She will graduate this May debt free.

"I would advise other people to invest more of themselves in college instead of letting someone else do it," she said. "It will mean so much more, and you'll actually try harder if it's your own money."

After graduation, Sifford plans to teach for a couple of years, and then hopes to take some time to sing again, probably in the Branson area, before she starts a family.

"I want to do it while I'm young because I have the rest of my life to teach," she said.

As for being the next Shania Twain, Sifford doesn't see it happening.

"It's more important to me to have a loving family," she said. "I can be musical right in my own living room."

But who knows, we may be The Singing Siffords someday. □

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Jeff Spurgeon, junior criminal justice major, plans to seek employment with the DEA or as an U.S. marshal upon completion of his education.

ALEX PAVLOVA
The Chart

Crazy stuff helps student to select a major

Incidents with police influence life decision

By JEFFREY RENZ
CHART REPORTER

For some students, it may be tough deciding on a major, but for one Missouri Southern student, the choice was obvious.

"I was a crazy kid who did all kinds of crazy stuff," said Jeff Spurgeon, junior criminal justice major. "I'd take my bow out and go out with my friend and we'd shoot at squirrels and shit in my neighborhood. They (the police) would always come knocking on our door afterwards because they knew it was us, but we would turn off all the lights and wait till they left."

On another instance, he was returning home after a party when a police car, with its lights on, came up from behind. Spurgeon pulled down a side street to hide

in someone's driveway to avoid the officer. He missed the driveway, jumped the curb, and hit a tree. After putting the car in reverse, he parked in the driveway.

However, by the time he finally turned off his lights and glanced around, he noticed the officer was looking at him. That night Spurgeon received five tickets, two for resisting arrest and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. With the help of money and a lawyer, he was able to get the situation "taken care of."

After his earlier experiences, Spurgeon now wants to be on the other side of a jail cell.

"I did a lot of stupid stuff as a kid," he said. "I just kind of look back at it all and just laugh. I've finally grown up. I'll probably have to start out as a cop, but I'd like to start with a government job, maybe DEA or U.S. marshal."

Spurgeon is currently enrolled in 17 hours at Southern and works more than 20 hours a week at Factory Card Outlet.

In choosing Southern, he based the decision on the criminal justice program and the affordability.

"I went to a place in Illinois that looked up colleges for your major and how much you want to spend," Spurgeon said. "They gave me a few choices, and Missouri Southern was the one."

When he first moved to Southern from St. Louis, Spurgeon didn't know anyone, but over time made friends.

"I recently turned 21 years old, so now I go to clubs with my friends and I have more options of things to do," he said.

He advises freshmen to be more outgoing and not to have an attitude about things.

In his spare time, and when the season is right, Spurgeon enjoys golfing and hunting.

"When the weather is nice, I'll golf quite a bit," he said.

"Then when it's deer or turkey season, I'll go hunt either with a bow or a rifle." □

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Heather Carter catches up on her studies. She transferred to Southern from the University of Missouri-Columbia to be close to her family.

Family and education enjoin student to return home

By CYNTHIA TURNBULL
CHART REPORTER

University of Missouri-Columbia transfer student Heather Carter, junior international communications major, came to Missouri Southern in 1996 after her father had a heart attack.

"His health is much better since they put a stent (a metal piece that opens clogged arteries) in his heart in 1996," she said. "I'm so glad I was able to be home for that."

Carter chose to move home to be near her father in case anything happened.

Her father is important to her, and she's happy everything is looking good for him.

"At first I was really upset, but I learned to deal with the fear over time," Carter said.

"My mother is my mentor, she's the most incredible person in the world," she said.

"She's just awesome. My family is very close. I'm an only child, so we're all very close. My mom is actually my best friend."

Carter possesses a particular passion.

"Everyone has an addiction to something," she said.

"I happen to be addicted to music. Music is the most incredible legal drug made. My favorite song is 'Suffering' by Saechal, because it's a very emotional song."

Carter, a full-time student, works part-time at three different jobs: her family business, Mariposa Ranches; Club Miami; and Roadhouse Ruby's.

Carter doesn't participate in any extracurricular activities because she doesn't have time for anything else.

"If I had spare time, I'd spend more time with my parents," she said.

Carter's hobbies include collecting Hard Rock Cafe shot glasses and traveling.

"If I could choose to be anyone in the world, I would choose to be myself

because there just isn't enough uniqueness in the world," she said.

Carter loves animals.

"I love them all, except snakes and spiders," she said.

"I have two Siberian Huskies, Luc and Sevin. Luc only responds to French, so my mom can't control him. Sevin is just crazy. She's named after my father's book that was published in Milah."

"They're great to bring around 'new' guys because they can tell so much about them. If Sevin likes them, then they're all right because she doesn't like anyone that isn't family."

"If I didn't like languages so much, I'd be a vet or train animals. It really throws people off when I tell them that I can milk cows and that I want a white tiger by the time that I'm 40."

The most interesting place Carter traveled to was China.

"I speak Spanish, Italian, French, and

Chinese," she said. "I learned Spanish at 3, French at 17, Italian at 18, and Chinese at 20. My cleaning lady taught me how to speak Spanish. I learned all the rest in school."

The reason she chose her major is because, "I love to travel, speak foreign languages, and meet people so I thought that it would be perfect for me."

Carter had good and bad experiences at her former college.

"MU rocked," she said.

"I had so much fun there. I went Greek, which was a mistake, but I learned a lot from it."

Carter is going to the American University of Paris on May 27 to study fashion and communications for 11 weeks. She offers advice to fellow students.

"Be yourself," she said.

"Uniqueness is a virtue. Go with it." □

Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Erin Sellers at 625-9311.



■ **Missouri Southern's Senior Art show begins on Sunday and runs through May 14 in the Spiva Gallery.**

Today

23
10:45 a.m.-
AmeriServe's Spring Buffet on BSC third floor

Saturday

24
7:30 p.m.-
Up with people in Joplin Memorial Hall.

Monday

26
9 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-7 p.m.-
Elections for Student Senate officer in the BSC stairwell.

Wednesday

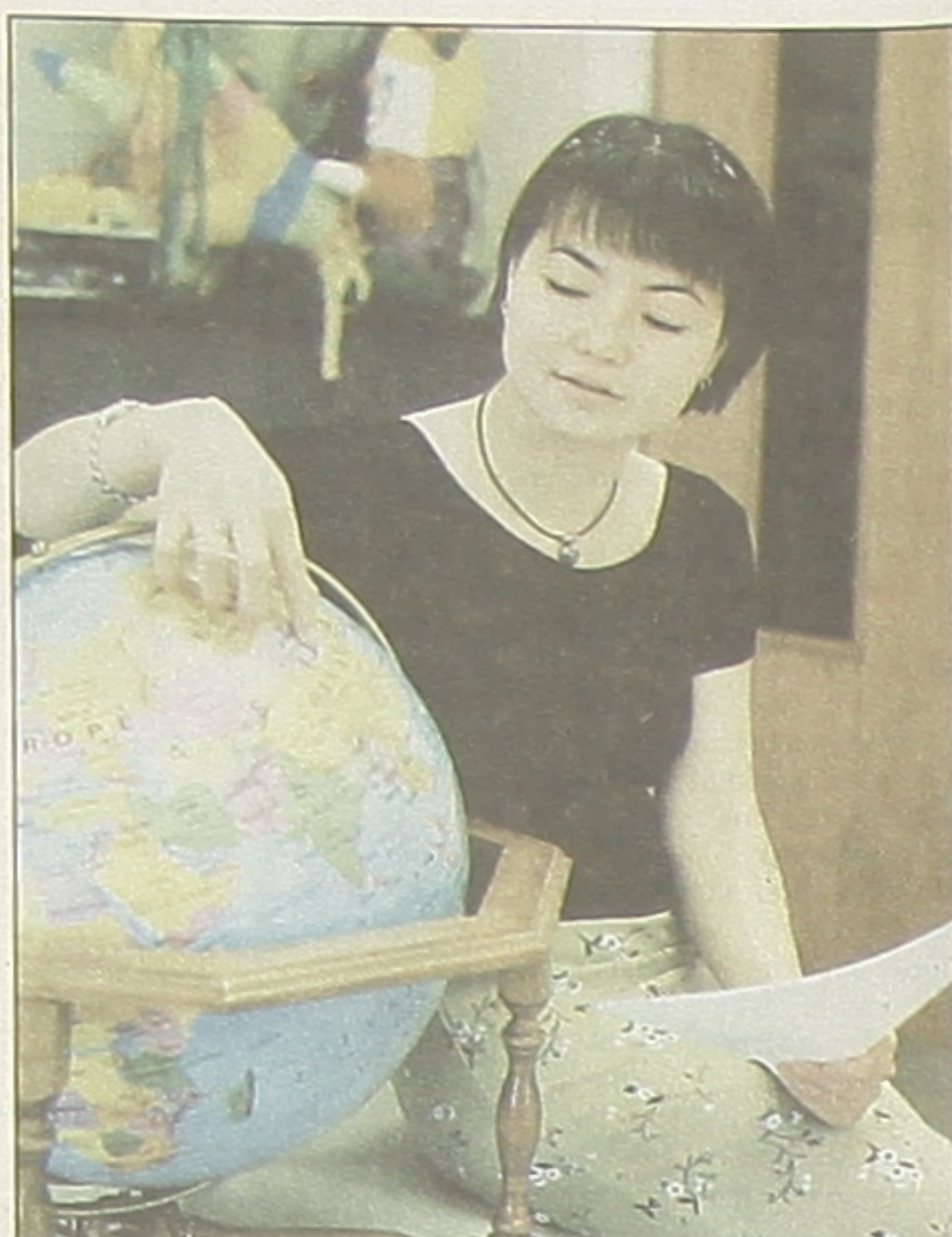
28
Conference on Child Abuse, Webster auditorium. For information call 623-2292
noon-
CAB meeting in BSC 310

Thursday

29
12:20 p.m.-
Missouri Constitution Test in Webster Hall rm. 210.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Presentation gives firsthand account of home



Victoria Liu, sophomore biology major, points out her homeland of China on the globe at the International Club's April 15 meeting.

By ANGIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

To travel internationally, one only has to go as far as his or her imagination and Webster Hall Room 350.

Every Thursday at 12:15 p.m., the International Club conducts its weekly meeting in this room, and at least once a month, members have cultural presentations.

In the past year, the club has heard presentations on the countries of Russia, Singapore, Germany, France, Colombia, Namibia, Vietnam, Sweden, and just recently, China.

The talks are by students who have either lived in or been to the country they are presenting.

The presentations usually consist of general information such as geography, history, and landmarks, and move into specific issues addressed by the students. Differences in education is always addressed, especially in higher education. Club members are welcome to ask any questions they would like.

The most recent presentation was given on China by Victoria Liu, a sophomore biology major. Liu, 22, has lived in America, attended Missouri Southern, and been a part

of the International Club for two years. Her whole purpose for coming to the United States was to attend Southern. Liu said the International Club gives her a chance to know people from other counties and helps her feel involved on campus.

"We're like a family," she said.

Liu was born and raised in Chengdu, the capital city of her province, and lived there until moving to the U.S. The thing she misses most is the food.

"It's hard to get original stuff," she said. "I miss the food."

Although China is known for such tourist attractions as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, Liu is indifferent.

"I think it's pretty neat, but I don't really think much of it," she said.

Throughout China there are many different dialects, which makes understanding and trying to communicate with people difficult. Mandarin, a common language based on the Beijing dialect, was initiated to help link communication.

Liu said the thing she would like changed is China's seclusiveness.

"I wish China would be more open so we could know more about the entire world, but I don't want to see the traditions change," she said.

Tatiana Karmanova, director of

"I wish China could be more open, but I don't want to see the traditions change."

Victoria Liu
Sophomore
biology major

the International Language Resource Center, thinks the presentations are thought-provoking.

"I believe the presentations fulfill the mission of the club," she said.

Karmanova said the presentations help raise awareness about other cultures and promote understanding.

"Everyone's invited to the presentations and the meetings," she said.

Karmanova said the presentations usually are arranged by availability, convenience, and who is in the club. Anyone is welcome to present his or her experiences or come and listen to others. □

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Students go overseas to educate the English

Travel provides cultural perspective for six

By MELODY LANING
STAFF WRITER

For the second year in a row, Missouri Southern has offered a special program for students who are interested in teaching abroad. Even though the program is only in its infancy, it has become increasingly popular.

More than a year ago, a selection process began for a student teaching trip to England. In the beginning there were 10 students who had expressed interest in teaching overseas. After interviews were conducted and papers were written, the students were narrowed down to the final six.

The six students participating in the program are seniors Rachel Webb, Jenn Palmer, Becky Leach, Laura Gonzalez, Sherry Crumbliss, Cindy Cooke.

"First of all, the students had to be of high academic standing," said Dr. Cameron Pulliam, director of clinical experiences and student teaching. "Recommendations from the faculty were also a must."

"Any multi-cultural experience was also helpful, and they were assigned to write an essay as to why they wanted to teach abroad. Last of all, they were interviewed by the committee."

After selection, students were required to attend two credit hours of instruction on the British educational system. The students were also able to have access to the national curriculum on the Internet, and several students also kept in contact with corresponding teachers through e-mail.

"To prepare for the trip, I have been doing a lot of packing," said Leach, senior elementary education major. "We've also been talking about England in class and have been studying their national curriculum and their history. We've also discussed how

their education system works and how it is different from our own."

The students left for England Sunday morning. They will be abroad for six weeks, returning toward the end of May. The trip includes five weeks of teaching and one week of sightseeing. Funding for the trip abroad was provided by the College and the students.

"The international mission of the College funds a major portion of the students' expenses and pays for the College supervisor's expenses," Pulliam said. "The students came up with the rest of the money on their own."

Dr. Dan Overdeer, associate professor of education, is the supervising faculty member who will accompany the students.

Arrangements were made with three schools in Southampton, England.

The students will be divided equally among two public schools, Townhill Infant School and Townhill Junior School, and a private school, King Edward School, which was founded in 1553.

"The students will be teaching all day, probably from 7:30-5," Pulliam said. "In England, teachers put in a full day."

Pulliam also noted how different the students in England are, compared to here.

"In England, students assume much more responsibility at a younger age than the students do here," he said. "They are also very well behaved."

The public schools are also structured differently, building-wise, than American schools.

"These schools consist of a big open area, divided by low shelving with lots of kits, books, and activities," Pulliam said. "This is more of a hands-on type of teaching."

"Overall, I thought the experience would be good and that it would be different," Leach said. "This will help me learn how to adapt to different classroom settings." □

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Southern's leadership gets rewarded through a legacy

Dolence awards recognize 21 seniors on Wednesday

By BRIAN WIRTH
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-one seniors were honored Wednesday at the Eighth Annual Glenn D. Dolence

Leadership/Service Recognition Assembly.

The assembly is sponsored by student services and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Dr. Glenn Dolence served at Missouri Southern for 27 years, ending his career as vice president for student services in 1996.

He and his wife, Myrna, together put in almost 50 years of service at Southern.

"Glenn Dolence's main goal was to make sure that there were enough activities here at the College for the students," said College President Julio Leon.

The presentation began with a welcome from Doug Carnahan, dean of students. He opened the program with background about the awards and Dolence.

"It is not just GPA, but it is the overall student development that is looked at for this award," Carnahan said. "These students have not only helped other students, they have helped the campus."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for aca-

demical affairs, summed up what it is to be a leader.

"Leadership is helping people get to a goal," he said. "Leadership doesn't always mean taking charge. Four things make a good leader — being a worker, being a communicator, being concerned about individuals, and not minding if others get the credit."

The recipients were Jeff Billington, Kay Colbert, Melodee Colbert, Jesse DeGonia, Jaime Dill, Amanda Costley-Drake, Michael Fox, Amy Graves, Elisa Hunt, Jeffrey Jamaeldine, Jennifer Jimerson, Steve Johnson, Cynthia Kinnear, Hannah Mitchell, Deborah Muse, Matt Olson, Dustin Quesenberry, Patrick Riley, Donald Simon,

Gretchen Shull, and Chad Waits.

After the awards were handed out, Leon came up to present the Outstanding Leader Award.

"It is our belief that there is a lot to be learned outside the classroom," he said.

Olson, who graduates in May, was the winner of the Outstanding Leader Award. He is a marketing major with a minor in psychology. "I had no idea that I was going to win this," he said.

"I am in shock. I do not feel very deserving of this award, considering all the other people that are here. I definitely feel honored to be selected from such a great group of people." □

NATURALLY INSPIRED



NOFPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Daniel Messer, freshman graphic art major, spends class drawing outside with Dave Noblett, associate professor of art, and Mike Barnhart, senior graphic art major, on Tuesday.

Thespians show diversity with student one-acts

By CHRIS ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Once again Southern Theatre has put its collective heads together and brought the Missouri Southern campus a weekend of shows unlike any seen before this year.

For the first time in two years, Southern Theatre is conducting performances directed solely by students. "An Evening of One Acts" began Wednesday and continues through Saturday. Curtain time is 7:30 each evening.

"Every other year, we have a special class," said Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre. "At the end of the class, the best qualified students are selected to direct their own shows. I have nothing to do with it. These students are all on their own."

The students, Rhea Brown, Rebecca Braden, Shelly Perkins, Lisa Hardy, David Hale, and Josh Jeffries, have differing views.

"We couldn't have done it without him (Fields)," Brown said.

Hale agrees with his fellow director.

"He (Fields) was extremely helpful, and I have a whole new respect for him now that I've done this," Hale said.

In fact, all of the directors agreed the biggest lesson they learned from the experience was a much greater respect for directors over all.

"This is the hardest class I've ever taken," Perkins said. "It's the first time any of us have directed a show, and we've really gained a greater respect for directors and what all they have to go through."

"It's really been a learning experience," Hardy said. "I never knew just how much a director had to go through."

The list of responsibilities does extend quite long, as Brown explains it.

"First of all, you have to make all of the decisions," she said.

"Not what's best for you, or for an actor, but what's best for the show. Then there's the choice of sets, and the working with the actors..."

Brown trailed off as she continued ticking things off on her



Pictured from left to right front row are Rhea Brown, Rebecca Braden, Shelly Perkins, Tanya Brown, Lisa Hardy, David Hale, and Josh Jeffries. NOFPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

fingers. All of the directors agreed the time constraints are the biggest hassle.

"We often find ourselves burning the midnight oil trying to make deadline," Hale said.

"The custodians laugh when we come by and want the doors open at 3 a.m.," Hardy laughed.

"You really can live on three hours of sleep, too," Jeffries said.

With all the hard work and sweat, the directors wouldn't have traded this experience for anything.

"We love it," Hardy said. "It really teaches you to rely on yourself, and when my show starts Wednesday, I'll be proud knowing I did my best."

Most of the directors will be showing only one act, though

some pulled double duty and are acting in one or two performances as well as directing their own show.

"It's really a challenge to go from one act to another," said Joey Roesel, one of the actors.

"They meet every Tuesday and Thursday and critique each other, then they rehearse pretty much every night, then some of them act in shows, too, let alone what they do when I'm not around."

Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$1 for seniors, high school students, and children 12 and under. Southern students, faculty, and staff are admitted free with an ID. Interested parties can call 625-9320 for more info.

"It's been tough, but great," Braden said. "It really teaches you to use both sides of the brain." □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Chamber Choir to go to Vienna

Missouri Southern Foundation provides \$25,000 for music trip

By CASSIE HOMBS
STAFF WRITER

Senior graduates won't be the only ones saying goodbye at the end of May.

The Missouri Southern Chamber Choir has been accepted to represent the state of Missouri this summer at the Strauss Festival in Vienna, Austria.

Bud Clark, director of choral activities, says it's quite an honor for the choir to be chosen.

"We had received information about the trip, because our choir had been recommended," he said. "I sent in a tape, and we were notified a few weeks later that we were accepted."

The festival will actually be held for a span of six months. Southern's choir, which leaves on May 23 and returns June 3, will be performing for a little more than one week. Many other performing groups will be there as well, representing their own countries and states.

Missouri Southern's Vienna-Chamber Choir, made up of members of the chamber choir and concert chorale, consists of about 45 people, plus sponsors. The cost of the trip is what may have prevented other choir members from signing up.

The Missouri Southern Foundation donated \$25,000 to the trip. Most students who applied for money from the Institute of International Studies each received about \$1,000.

The cost of the trip for each student is about \$2,500.

"We're hoping that this trip will open up the door for us to be able to do this every three or four years," Clark said.

"We want everyone to be able to go."

That may be a possibility, if this trip even makes it across the seas. With the crisis in Kosovo, the College has expressed a bit of a concern sending its students to that region.

"We've been told there is no cause for alarm now," Clark said. "If things get worse, we'll just sing in locations farther away from the fighting, or just postpone the trip until later."

The choir would be at least 400 miles away from the conflict, roughly the distance from Joplin to Texas, Clark said.

"I've never been overseas," said Monica Hilderbrand, senior music education major. "The travel agency has been checking with the State Department daily, and they've told us that if anything happened while we were over there, they'd get us back OK."

As of now, the choir is scheduled to sing in Vienna, Budapest, Salzburg, Graz, Innsbruck, and Munich.

In addition to the festival, members will also be singing in churches and cathedrals, places where famous musicians from the past performed.

The Vienna-Chamber Choir can be seen in the next few weeks performing at several functions in Joplin. One of these places will be the spring choir concert, May 6 in Taylor Auditorium.

The concert begins at 7:30. Anyone wishing to donate to the trip can do so by calling Clark at 625-9562.

"I think this will be a trip of a lifetime," he said. "Especially for music majors, because they finally get to see where these famous composers actually performed." □

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

CAB seeks involvement

Earth Day celebration brings in local talent

By VINCE SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

With the spring weather approaching, Missouri Southern attempts to get more people involved in campus activities.

One of the main activities students have involved themselves in throughout this week is Campus Appreciation Week. Festivities began Sunday and are scheduled to end today. One of the main reasons for Campus Appreciation Week is to remember the environment in the celebration of Earth Day.

Dr. Ann Marlowe, professor of English, initiated Campus Appreciation Week. She notes a Poetry Festival was held Sunday afternoon in the Lions' Den. There were local poets from the College as well as the community who shared their poetry about nature.

Monday and Tuesday featured the Video Showcase consisting of nature. "It's a correlation with themes of nature including Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite, and the Grand Canyon," Marlowe said. "It's exquisite. Just superbly done."

Activities for Wednesday included a lecture on nature from Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department, on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

Thursday kicked off Earth Day. Scheduled events included a tree planting at the southwest corner of the Anderson Justice Center, followed by an awards ceremony and a 38-foot-tall rock climbing simulator titled "Climb and Dangle."

"We wanted to do outdoor activities," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "And since this is rock climbing, you can't get any more Earth Day than that."

Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, was to conduct a nature walk by the Biology Pond, and Carlisle said an outdoor concert with five bands was slated at the campus oval from 3 to 8 p.m.

"The Biology Pond has always been Ann Marlowe's favorite part of campus," Carlisle said. "CAB (Campus Activities Board) has done Earth Day quite a while. Campus Appreciation Week started last year, and we teamed up since we are both after the same thing."

Today finishes Campus Appreciation Week with a brown bag faculty luncheon featuring poetry.

Marlowe organized the event to get a response at Southern and promote the College. □

Band's debut album showcases melodic, catchy tunes

By ERIC GRUBER
ARTS EDITOR

Sometimes I have a funny way of getting the music I want.

I've been hearing this song on Live 105.3 lately (since my CD player was stolen and I haven't replaced it), yet I was unable to catch the name of the band or even the name of the song.

Walking into the office, I find a promotional packet in my mailbox. I rip it open, stick the unknown band into the CD player, and walk into the next room to figure out my fall schedule. As I begin, I hear the song playing in the next room. You know, the song I was trying to figure out earlier. "Cool," I think to myself, "I found out my answer and I've saved \$13." Sweet.

The name of the band is Papa Vegas, and

the album, Hello Vertigo, is in stores Tuesday.

Papa Vegas has a unique sound, which focuses mainly on strong vocals and catchy melodic chord progressions.

In other words, if you like the poppy sounds of Oasis and Third Eye Blind, with a hint of the softer touch of Tears For Fears, then you're in luck — you shouldn't have any problem getting into this group.

That song I've been hearing so much that I like is called "Bombshell," and it's a good example of the high sonic quality heard throughout this record.

Highlights of this disc also include "Something Wrong," "No Destination," and "Sermon Underground."

Hello Vertigo was recorded by Don Gilmore (Eve 6) and mixed by Tom Lord-Alge (Hole, Marilyn Manson).

This combination gives the utmost precision in the quality of the record, from the smallest nuance of drum sounds to the excellent mastering of each vocalized note.

The main drawback of Papa Vegas is the lyrics are vague and uncreative. There really isn't any strong words to latch on to, which keeps you wanting to dig further into the meaning of the song.

Their main nucleus that keeps you interested is their hook, not their strong, emotional expression through lyrics.



Not really anything that you'll be dedicating at weddings. I would have to say Hello Vertigo is gener-

ally a good record. In a few years I'm sure this band will mature enough to make anyone want to give their CD a try. □

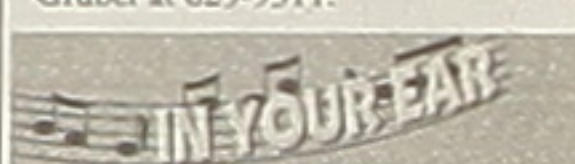
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Arts Showcase

Arts

Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Eric Gruber at 625-9311.



Friday

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7:30 p.m.—

Heartland Opera Theatre
Webster Auditorium

Evening of One Acts
Taylor Auditorium

Saturday

24

7:30 p.m.—

Up With People
Memorial Hall

Evening of One Acts
Taylor Auditorium

Sunday

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2:30 p.m.—

MSSC Senior Show
Today through May 14th

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Heartland Opera Theatre
Webster Auditorium

Tuesday

26

8 p.m.—

They Might Be Giants
Taylor Auditorium

Thursday

29

7:30 p.m.—

MSSC Symphonic Band
Taylor Auditorium

SHOOTINGS: Student brings to life images from Columbine

From Page 1

know, Mr. [Dave] Sanders, one of the teachers, is running in from the opposite side of the commons yelling for everyone to get down! At first we thought it was a prank, but when people started to panic and started running upstairs or out any door they could find, we knew it was real. I told Greg that this was no time to panic, and slowly we made our way toward the kitchen, the closest place to go. I don't know if they were inside by the time we got to the kitchen, but we hurriedly grabbed a few other students and some cafeteria ladies and locked ourselves in a closet. Luckily, it locked from the inside."

By this time Shawn's voice had become a little bit shaky, and I could tell that it was hard for him to recant everything to me. I couldn't stop thanking God that he was OK.

"For a while we heard shooting outside in the commons, and then a little later we heard shooting and explosions right above us in the library," Shawn continued. "One of my friends, Dan, said that he was walking down the front hall when he heard the shooting and immediately started running for the front door. He said that as soon as he got to the front, he heard a shot from behind and something hard hit his foot and knocked his shoe off."

Later I found out from my mom that Dan was fine, and the entire time Shawn was in hiding, Dan was frantically trying to find out where he was.

"For about an hour we heard a lot of shooting and explosions," Shawn related. "We didn't dare make a noise for fear that they'd shoot through the door or something. At one point, someone came by and knocked on the door and told us to come out because the shooters had gone upstairs and we could make a break for it. We didn't make a noise, though, because we thought it might be the shooters trying to trick us and shoot us when we opened the door."

At that point Shawn's voice became a

little bit subdued, and I knew he was very uncomfortable talking about the next part.

Getting out

"After about two hours, the SWAT team knocked on the door and yelled out 'police,' telling us to come out," he said. "When we opened the door, five of them had their guns pointed at us and told us to put our hands up. Slowly they led us out through the commons. For the most part, I had my head down, so I didn't really see how the commons looked. Once we got outside, though, we had to walk right past two dead bodies. One kid lying face down, and one girl twisted on her back, her face covered in dried blood. There was water all over the place from the sprinklers going off. I guess they had started a fire in the commons, or maybe it was because of the bombs."

"From there they led us behind a fire truck for cover where they frisked us and then stuffed us into an unmarked police car and drove us to their headquarters."

Wow! I cannot even imagine the kind of things that must have been going through his mind.

When I asked him as much, he said, "Mostly I was worried about my friends and my girlfriend. Sometimes I was thinking about how to get out, and the entire time I was thinking how much I just wanted it to be over."

"I don't remember if I was praying out loud or in my head, but I know for a fact that I prayed for every single friend by their name. When I was done praying for them, I told God, 'I'm ready to die now, just take care of my friends.'"

Authorities had instructed parents of students to go to a nearby elementary school where they were transporting all of the students. It was there that my mom, Jackie, had been spending the last four hours.

"The thing that stands out in my mind is the panic and terror in the eyes of so many of the parents," she said. "All you can do is wait and imagine the worst. I

had to borrow some man's cell phone since mine wasn't working, and I was in the middle of talking to your father when I saw Shawn across the lawn. I don't even remember throwing the phone at the guy, but I do remember holding Shawn in my arms and sobbing."

At first, all she felt was relief, but now as she looks back on it, all she can think about is what could have happened and just how lucky Shawn was. That in turn leads her to think about the parents of the victims.

"I feel so bad for the parents who have kids still in the school," Jackie said. "I can all but imagine the feeling when the police tell you that the last bus load of kids has come and your child isn't there."

The aftermath

The parents aren't the only ones who have to deal with it. All of the students now have scenes in their heads that will stick with them for the rest of their lives.

"The worst part is that there is nothing you can do for them," said my dad, Mike. "I feel so helpless. They just have to work through it."

My mom agrees.

"The worst part is when they go to bed," she said. "Shawn, for the most part, was shocked the day it happened. Now he seems really depressed."

"I just want to be with my friends, and I'm worried about my friends at the hospitals," Shawn said. "More than that, though, I really want to be left alone."

Now, knowing that he and his friends are all right, I sit back and examine my emotions. Relief wars with anger and frustration and being able to do nothing. The words of one of the students interviewed keeps running through my head.

"School should be a safe place to be." What is wrong with our world that things like this happen? It seems like violence has almost become a common occurrence.

Will it get worse? It hit way too close to home this time. What more should we expect for the future? □

SENATE: Executive officer elections draw near

From Page 1

The race for president is between Patti Richardson, sophomore general studies major, and Jason Kiefer, junior secondary education major.

"I've been on Student Senate for three years, and I see the current leadership needs some organization," Kiefer said. "I'd like to get Senate back on good terms with the campus. It's been a bumpy rollercoaster."

"Hopefully, if I get elected I could make Senate a more respectable organization."

Richardson's goals include getting more students involved in student activities. "I want to see Senate have people who care and who will get people involved," she said. "I want to get the controversy over. The purpose of Senate is to help the students, and that's what I do."

"I want to make sure it's organized." Elections are Monday and Tuesday in the second-floor stairway of the Billingsly Student Center.

Senate President Jesse DeGonia announced this week that vice president Tom Williams has resigned. The spot will not be filled.

Through money returned to the Senate from various organizations, the treasury had a balance this week of \$840.50. Due to a lack

of funds earlier in the semester, the Senate was unable to allocate money to the Legal Studies Program. LSP requested \$200 earlier in the semester to help finance the club's \$575 trip to the Mid-Missouri Paralegal Association Symposium. The Senate partially reimbursed LSP for the cost of its trip.

"We tried to obtain some of the cost from our own funds, but at the same time we didn't want to bankrupt our organization," said Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science and the organization's adviser.

Senior senator Nick Prewett proposed to amend the allocation request from \$200 to \$500.

"They didn't receive any funds when they requested it," he said. "We should make an example; make up some of the wrong we had to do."

The amendment passed, and the \$500 was allotted to LSP.

There was also talk that Casino Night might be resurrected by the Campus Activities Board.

"It's not promised, but it's in the working," Richardson said. "It will be on Tuesday instead of Thursday if it happens."

The Senate will meet next week at the pavilion by the Biology Pond for its final meeting. There will be food, and the new officers will be sworn into office. □

CHIODO: Diversity key in community, organization

From Page 4

Study Circle Research Center. Tom Simpson has moderated many of these sessions, and the interaction of the participants provides a wealth of information for us.

Also, Dr. Rich La Near has written a series of articles on economics to give our readers a better understanding of what's going on in the economic arena.

Dr. Julio Leon and Dr. Erik Bitterbaum help with our Diversity Committee, a community group which helps us create a better newspaper workplace by becoming a more diverse organization.

We are luckier than some communities. We have several colleges in the surrounding area. We receive help from them, too. For instance, Dr. Kent Farnsworth was the keynote speaker at our recent Academic Awards Banquet.

The newspaper field is still very exciting — more so than any other past era. That's why I went into the field. It was a big decision for me as to whether I wanted to teach or go into journalism. Luckily, my position enables me to do both. And I have come to realize how important it is for the educational community as well as the business community to work together. Together, they make a difference. □

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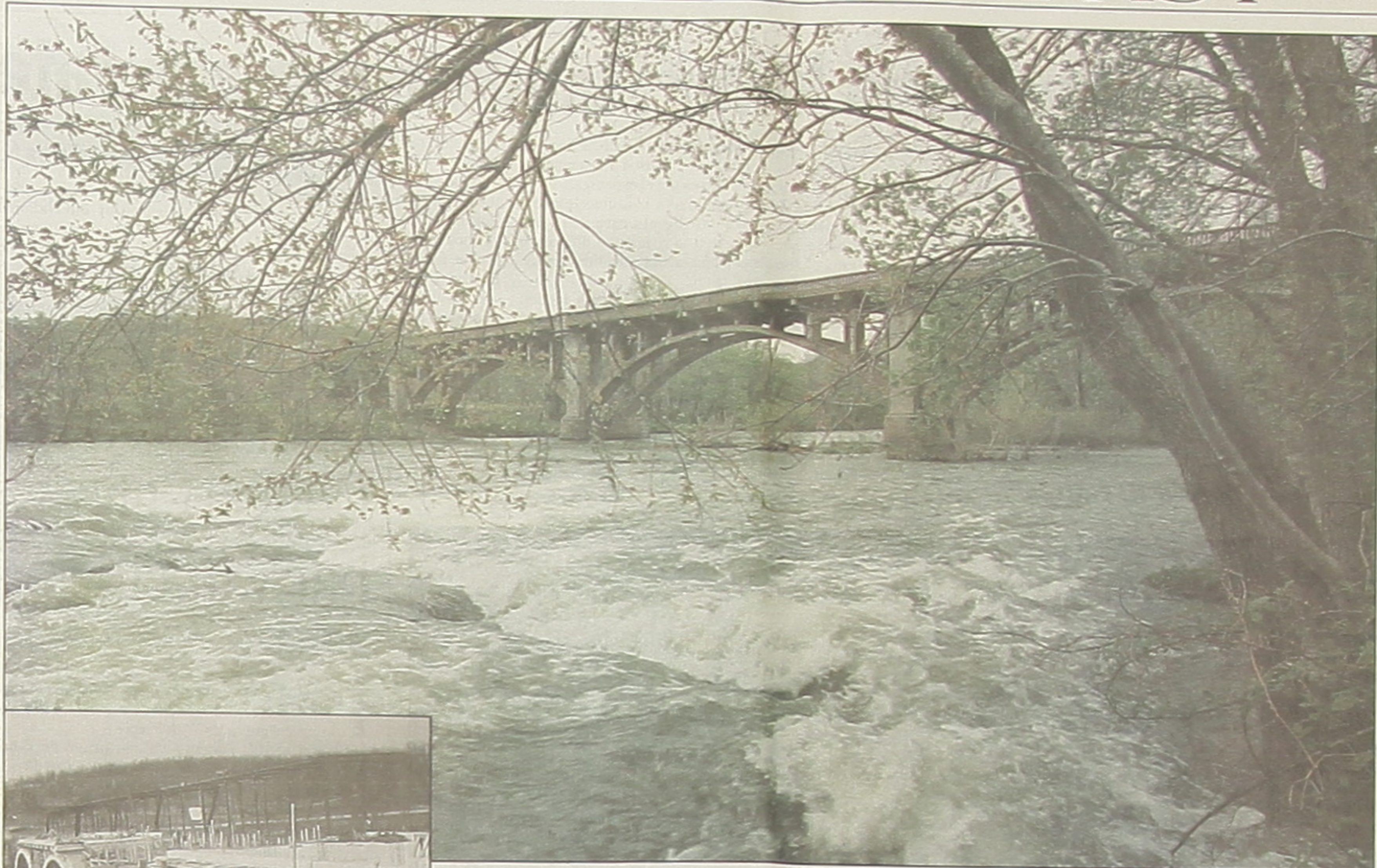
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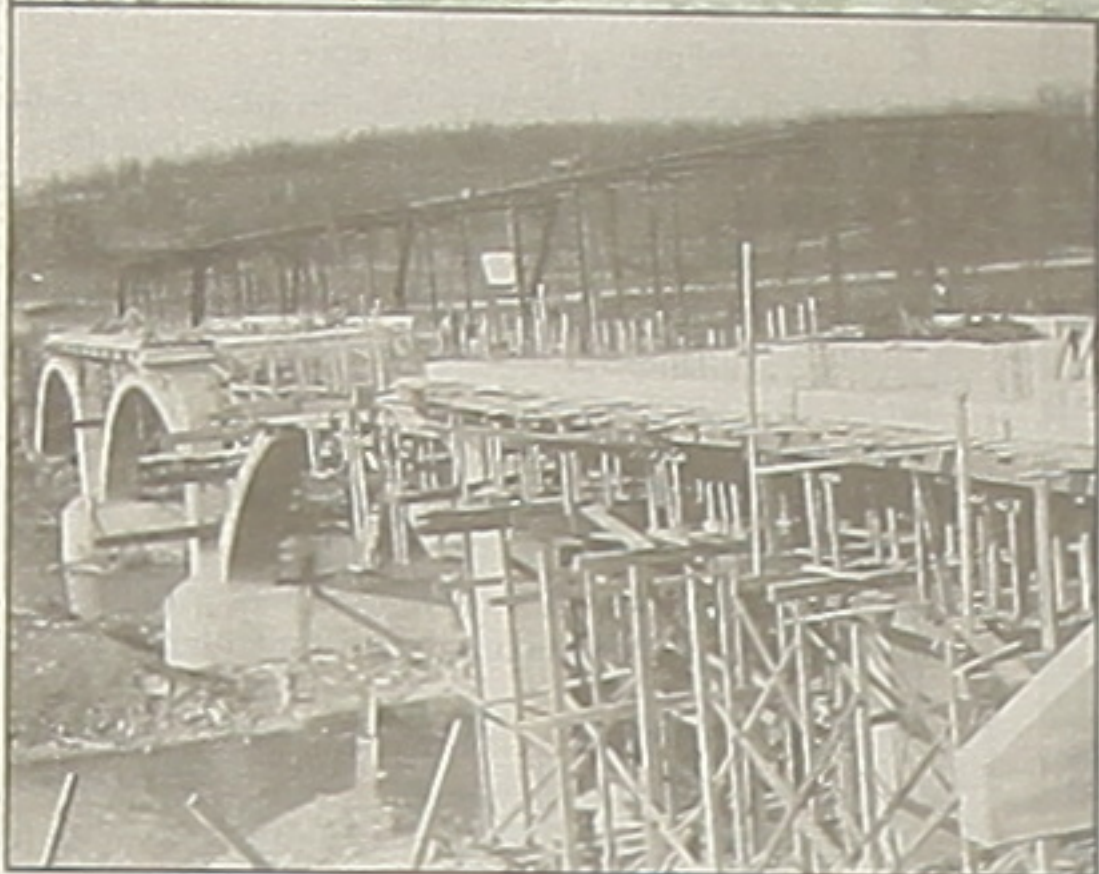


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The swift waters of Shoal Creek sweep under the bridge leading to Redings Mill from Joplin. Construction on a new bridge is set to begin in the spring of 2001. The fate of this bridge remains unknown.

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Construction of the Redings Mill bridge takes place in 1930. The old suspension bridge in the background was replaced.

ALBERT JUNGE/Special to The Chart

Redings Mill landmarks echo past life

By RHONDA CLARK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Joplin's Main Street vanishes south of I-44 and winds a narrow path to the concrete-arched bridge spanning Shoal Creek. Covered in a tranquil beauty filled with emerging springs, rocky bluffs, and the creek's power, Redings Mill appears suspended in time as the present echoes the past.

In the mid 1920s, a group of Joplin businessmen platted the Shoalsburg Subdivision in the Village of Redings Mill. The grandiose plans called for an elaborate resort complete with custom-built cabins, golf course, swimming pool, beaches, parks, and a dance hall. While some of these came to fruition, the resort was abandoned because it was too far from Joplin proper. By 1930, a new bridge carried southwest Missourians to their homes or to relax at the Redings Mill Swimming Pool, the Redings Mill Casino, or dine at the Redings Mill Inn.

Now, almost 70 years later, the homes and cabins of those early days remain, the pool house has witnessed a resurrection, and the old inn once again serves the hungry. By the spring of 2001, construction begins on a bridge to challenge the expanse across Shoal Creek.

Jerry Bradley, project manager of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), said the current bridge's fate is

still "up in the air," but is dependent upon the effects of the hydraulics between the two structures.

"There is historical significance there, and the Village of Redings Mill has requested to keep it up," he said.

Alberta York, a lifelong area resident, said her mother, Jewell Junge, was the first woman to traverse the new bridge in 1931.

"They opened the barriers and she was coming home from town," York said. "They told her, 'Would you like to be the first woman over the new bridge?'"

MoDOT currently is securing right of way to straighten the highway north into Joplin, and the new bridge will position itself 100 to 150 feet downstream from the existing landmark.

The Redings Mill area was settled in 1832 by John Reding as Shoalsburg. Upstream from the bridge, the concrete and rock walls are all that remain of the old grist mill first constructed in 1832, rebuilt twice, and finally destroyed by a vandal's fire in 1932. The Redings Mill Inn, located at the juncture of Highways NN and 86, was originally Redings home, finished in 1872.

Rosalie Wiles purchased the former homestead in 1998. With the help of friends and family, she has transformed the interior with artistic flair, and operates it as a restaurant and bar with a "family-type atmosphere."

"We hated to see the building sitting here deteriorating," Wiles said. "We thought it was such a historic place."

The new business has provided everything from a wedding, anniversaries, Christmas parties, and even a Tupperware party. Future plans include added banquet rooms and outdoor dining.

The east room if the Inn was added in 1926, and the building's red brick exterior was stuccoed to match the Spanish-mission style of the resort's construction.

After crossing the bridge from the north and taking a right on Castle Drive, sightseers come across the foundation and steps of the Redings Mill Casino, the dance hall built in 1928.

"Lloyd (my husband) said that his uncle used to bring him down when he was a little one and they'd watch people dance and they'd have those marathon dances where it'd go on for days," York said.



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

The Redings Mill Inn, originally the residence of John Reding, owner of the former grist mill, dates back to 1872. A family-oriented bar and grill now occupies the building.

In 1937, lightning struck the casino, burning it to the ground. The area's most well-known landmark, the Redings Mill Swimming Pool, rests across from the casino's deserted base.

Patricia Khaleghi and her husband, Arde, purchased the pool and building, constructed in 1926, in 1995. In disrepair and overgrown with vegetation, she said the pool house renovation was a major undertaking, taking almost two years and numerous contractors.

Once rejuvenated, the building now houses Arde's Villa, a fine dining establishment featuring French and Mediterranean cuisine and an exquisite interior. With its antique and imported furnishings, Arde's hosts weddings, parties, and receptions in addition to regular dining. The interior resembles the Spanish-mission style of the exterior.

"We tried to keep the dreams of the people that were here, so even when they go out the back door, they're still going to see and remember that was a swimming pool," Patricia Khaleghi said.

Plans for the 175-by-250-foot pool area include making it into a French garden with rock water falls at the deep end. She anticipates completion in May of a covered gazebo, its style inspired by Las Vegas' Caesar Palace. The Khaleghis have received encouragement for their endeavors.

"The people in this area, you could feel their support for us when they would drive by, I can't explain it," Khaleghi said. "I can only say you can feel they were glad we were here. They were glad someone was doing something. They conveyed it in just

friendly ways."

This kindness from the locals affected the Khaleghis, and they plan to build a home west of the pool area. Khaleghi also sees Redings Mill embracing an artistic community in the future.

"I just see kind of a community of artists gathering around here, and I'd like to have an art festival once a year," she said.

York remembers during the days of World War II when the area enjoyed a different kind of popularity. Bus loads of soldiers came from Camp Crowder who, along with Joplin residents, swam in the pool or danced at the Inn, then known as Wimpy's.

York's face betrays her fondness for the area and its people. Pouring over scrapbooks of old photos and news clippings, she highlights different events and legends. When open, the pool was drained each Monday and fresh water from the 700-foot spring-fed well on Tuesdays brought chills to the brave swimmers who arrived for Polar Bear Day. The famed castle, perched atop a hill overlooking the valley, was rumored to have been imported from England. In fact, the home was built in 1927 by a Joplin plumber at a cost of \$50,000.

York is one of the Redings Mill residents glad to see new life coming into the old buildings.

"I am so tickled, because I love this area, and after the pool closed, it was such an eyesore," she said. "Every summer, the grass would grow up, and there were trees growing down in the pool. It would just break your heart. We were thrilled when Arde came and cleaned it up and planted flowers." □



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The home of Lloyd and Alberta York sits on the spring which was originally dammed to provide water for the former swimming pool.



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Arde's Villa, owned by Arde and Patricia Khaleghi, occupies the former Redings Mill Swimming Pool. With the pool house renovation complete, the Khaleghis are currently transforming the actual pool area into a French garden complete with a gazebo and water falls.

REGIONAL
NEWS BRIEFSKitchen tours showcase
unique arrangements

The Mercy Library Guild will present the Kitchens of Joplin Tour '99. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 1. Five Joplin kitchens will be a part of the tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The five showcase kitchens included are a tribute to the artistry and craftsmanship available in the four-state area.

Each kitchen is unique with specific features. Special decorations are a part of each kitchen as well.

Many area merchants have donated items to help set up the table, decorate the kitchen, and spruce up the backyard. Floral arrangements and decorations, place settings, and patio furniture displays are a part of the tour.

Area chefs will also be preparing samples of favorite recipes for participants to enjoy during the tour.

Advance tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at the Mercy Health Resource Library, 3001 McClelland Blvd.

Other Joplin businesses selling tickets to the event include A Piece of the Pie, Artichoke Hearts, City Deli, Countryside Flowers, Inc., Famous Barr, The Florist and Merchant, Great American Bagel, InterCity Florist, Market Place Interiors, Mary's Floral Design's, Red Onion Cafe, and Village Pastry.

Tickets are also available the day of the event at any of the homes for \$10. □

Free health screening
offered to community

A free immunization and health screening will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Joplin High School West (Park Academy), 102 Schifferdecker.

The screening is offered through Operation Community Health. Immunizations for children will be available at this event. Parents are asked to bring current immunization records of their children.

Immunizations are in accordance with Missouri's guidelines. If a resident is of a neighboring state, he or she will need to bring that state's immunization guidelines to ensure compliance.

Adult screening offered includes cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks. This month, operation Community Health is also offering foot screening. □

Neosho Villas acquires
\$4.7 million renovations

The \$4.7 million completion of the Neosho Villas has recently been completed. The villas were previously part of Crowder College.

The new renovations include a 64-unit complex with a playground, basketball courts, and community center. The funds were met through the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

MHDC provided Jeffery E. Smith Development, Inc., with a \$1.1 million federal home loan, a separate \$727,172 MHDC loan, a federal tax credit of \$339,000, and a state tax credit of \$339,900 to completely rehabilitate and establish the development. □

Leggett and Platt invite
Miss America to speak

Former Miss America Debbie Miles will be the featured speaker in a seminar sponsored by The Leggett and Platt Corporate Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals. The seminar will be from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday in Northpark Mall in the former Wyatt's Cafeteria space. □

Prices of homes in Joplin
dip in median averages

Median prices of a home in the Joplin area were reported by The Joplin Board of Realtors as being slightly lower than average. The average price of a home sold last month through the MLS was \$75,034. The Joplin Board of Realtors reported 961 active homes on the market and 125 sales in March. The average number of days a home spent on the market in Joplin was 127. Also listed by the Joplin Board of Realtors were 17 land transactions and five sales each of commercial property. □

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Tax reductions lower standard mileage rate

Gas prices go lower
per average milesBy PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

Even though April 15 has passed, it is not too early to think about keeping records for income tax purposes for next year.

A related article in a bulletin published by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce announced the IRS

has reduced its standard mileage allowance for business purposes to 31 cents effective April 1. The prior rate was 32.5 cents per mile.

"This reduction is a result of lower gasoline prices and longer useful lives of automobiles," the article said.

The new rate became effective about the same time gas prices began to rise in this area.

The mileage deduction can be used on one's personal income tax return by being self employed or using a personal vehicle for busi-

ness purposes in the deductions.

It may not be used if an employer reimburses travel expenses.

If employers continue to reimburse at the old rate, they are obligated to report the difference as income along with the employees' salary.

Those entitled to this deduction must keep accurate records, said Judy Koller with the Ed August C.P.A. firm in Joplin.

"You should keep a logbook," she said. "Every time you go on a business trip, you should record the

beginning reading and the ending reading."

A logbook or small notebook with the readings in it is acceptable, Koller said.

It should also include the odometer reading at the beginning and the end of the year.

A rate of 10 cents per mile may be deducted for medical or moving expense.

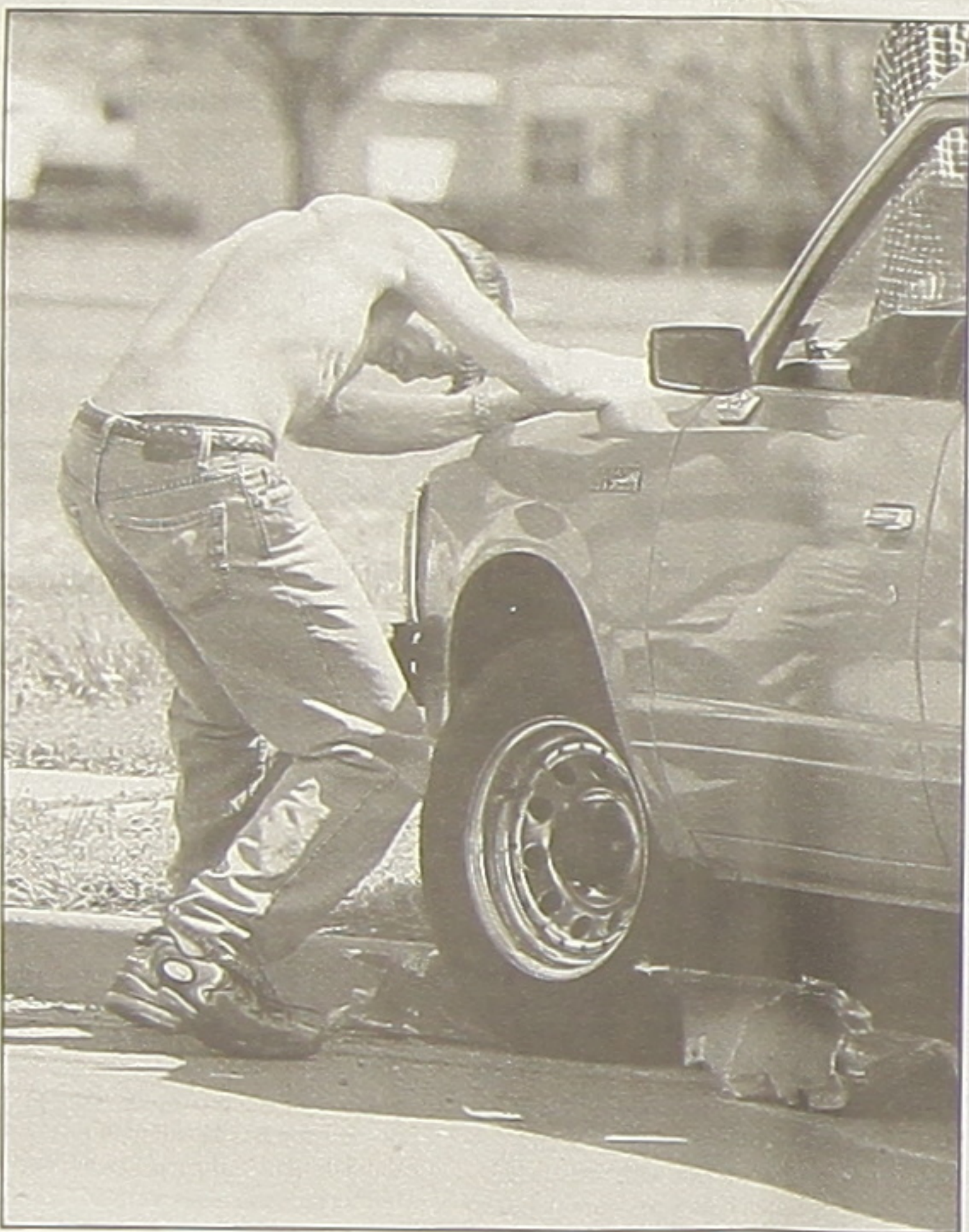
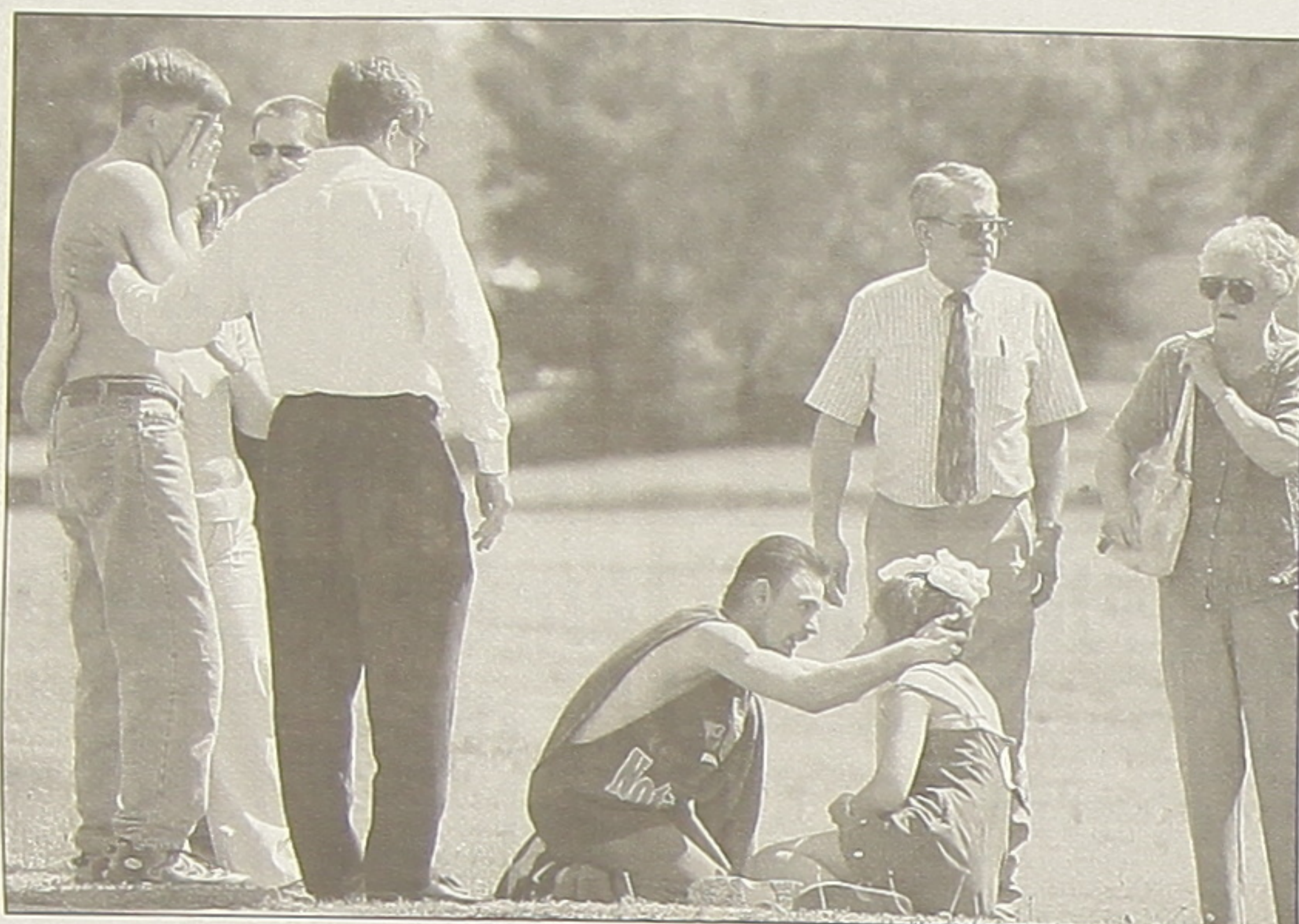
A rate of 14 cents per mile applies to charity work. These rates have not changed, but substantiating records must also be kept for these

purposes, Koller said.

Students may be eligible for claiming education credits on their own tax return, according to information released by the National Association of Tax Practitioners. This applies if a taxpayer, eligible to claim the student as a dependent, does not.

"Qualified tuition and related expenses are amounts required for the enrollment and attendance of a student at an eligible educational institution and paid to the institution," the article said. □

TRYING TO FIND COMFORT



Kristen N. Stokes (above), passenger in a two-car collision, sustained injuries on Tuesday afternoon on 20th and Indiana Street. She receives comfort from a bystander before the ambulance arrives.

Garry S. Giddens (far left) covers his face in shock. Jewell J. Lauck (far right), second driver in the accident, waits for the Joplin Police to arrive.

Giddens (left), slams his hands down on the car in frustration and shock. Shrapnel from his vehicle lies in a rubble beside his vehicle in random shards of twisted metal.

Several individuals came to the aid of the injured passengers while they waited for police to arrive. According to police reports, Giddens collided with Jewell Lauck while he was on the inside lane. He claimed to be going east on 20th when Lauck pulled out from a private drive.

Lauck says she was going to make a left turn on 20th and didn't see the vehicle coming.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG
The Chart

UP WITH PEOPLE

Concert gives
back to citiesBy MARLA HINKLE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Promoting understanding among people of different cultures and backgrounds is the focus of the musical group Up With People.

The cast of 135 students will perform a two-hour show titled "ROADS" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Hall. The cast also performs community service, in addition to its concerts, when arriving in a city. Robin McAlester, development associate of the Joplin United Way, said the cast will be volunteering at two of the United Way agencies.

"There will be 12 students at the Cerebral Palsy Center of Tri County, 1401 W. Austin, Webb City, working directly with children in the classrooms," she said. "They will be working individually with the children, helping in the feeding, nap sitting, and doing outdoor activities."

The other agency is the Lafayette House, 1809 Connor Ave. The students will be doing a variety of projects at this location, such as planting flowers on the grounds, cleaning windows, and painting the inside and outside of the building.

The goal of Up With People is to build an understanding among people from different cultures and backgrounds, said Pamela Koark, cast member.

"We give back to the community who hosts us and also learn more about the country we are staying in and its culture," she said.

The cast members have three criteria which must be met before becoming a member. They must be between the ages of 17 to 23 and have received their high school diploma.

Koark said an applicant must also be in good physical condition for the performances and building of the sets, which is all done by cast members. The upcoming show will incorporate the philosophy of giving back to the community.

"The plot revolves around a youth center being destroyed," Koark said. "The dancers play out the role of raising money for the community."

The group has its own professional songwriters, one of whom is a Joplin High School graduate. Michael Bowerman, who graduated in 1981, writes some of the music for the productions. According to Koark, some of the best experiences of being in the group come from traveling.

"I'm originally from Germany, but since the group began a year ago, I have seen a lot of different areas of the world," Koark said.

"What makes us special is our involvement with the community, our individuality, and our diversity," Koark said.

The number of applicants is usually high, with 7,000 applying and 750 being accepted. To apply, interested persons may get an application after the show. Koark said this is where most of the recruiting is done, in addition to college campuses.

"It really is a wonderful experience for international travel as well as being a great show and cast to work with," she said.

Ticket prices are \$10 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for adults. With college ID, the price is \$8. Tickets are available at Memorial Hall, the Chamber of Commerce in Carthage, Dillons Supermarkets, and the student center box office at Missouri Southern. □

AMERICAN KIDS

Talent competition encourages young entertainers

Seasonal shows to
host area youthsBy CALE RITTER
STAFF WRITER

Children from all over Missouri will be competing at the Webb City High School Cardinal Theater at 1:30 p.m. Saturday for the American Kids.

Ages 3 through high school seniors will compete for scholarships and trophies. Admission is free.

Donna Krudwig, representative for the Webb City Chamber of

Commerce, said the top 65 percent go on to state competition May 31 at the Boxcar Willie Theater in Branson.

At state, the top 35 percent go to nationals, July 19-22 on the opera stage at Silver Dollar City.

"Dr. Dale Smith is the founder of American Kids, which began 18 years ago in Oklahoma as Oklahoma Kids," Krudwig said. "When he reached retirement age as a high school administrator, he fulfilled his dream by starting a program for kids to perform. There are three regional competitions in Missouri, which has been a member of the

national program for three years. Besides the Webb City regional, one was held April 11 in Branson, and another is scheduled for May 8 in Chillicothe.

Joyce Gamble, secretary to the superintendent of the Carl Junction Board of Education, said the children made the program blossom.

The program grew by word of mouth, and is now in 13 states. The program began with 50 performers, and members now reach into the thousands.

"It's like a little league for entertainers," Krudwig said.

She said some of the children

have gone on to professional status performing at shows in Branson at places like the Wild West Show, Country Tonight, and Jim Stafford.

The Starlight Theater promotes a seasonal show called American Kids that has branched off from the organization.

Gamble became involved five years ago when her daughter became a member.

"I've learned to continually support what they want to do," she said. "I've seen my daughter blossom and grow in more ways than one."

Yearly membership costs \$15. A

quarterly newspaper tells what other members are doing, upcoming events, and workshops. Members also go places to perform, but aren't required to compete.

"Anyone who comes to watch will be amazed at what some of these kids can do," Gamble said.

Some of the workshops cover writing resumes, the do's and don'ts of competition, cutting a tape or CD, making costumes, and applying stage make-up.

"This isn't like a beauty pageant which has one winner," Krudwig said. "Everyone goes home feeling good." □

Rights amendment seeking House approval

Equal rights is goal of controversial move for measure ratification

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Only three more states are needed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and some believe Missouri should be in that number.

The bill to ratify the ERA to the United States Constitution has been reported "do pass" out of the House critical issues committee.

"I think it would be something we can move forward with in a positive way," said Rep. Deleta Williams (D-Warrensburg), the bill's sponsor.

Williams says the amendment, which provides that "equality of rights shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex," centers around equal representation under the law.

"It all boils down to women being included in the constitution, and I think we deserve that," she said.

Rep. Luann Ridgeway (R-Smithville) says she sees the amendment as having more pitfalls than advantages.

"One major, major problem with it is that it doesn't specifi-

cally mention women. It just says no discrimination on account of sex, and this would apply to private entities as well as public ones.

"What implication does that have, for example, for church leadership?" Ridgeway said. "Would the church that I go to suddenly be sued for discrimination if it did not hire women pastors?"

Williams says issues of this kind have always been in a different classification.

"There is a separation of church and state and always has been," she said. "It would not force churches to do something they choose not to do."

Another issue Ridgeway mentioned was the use of the word sex, saying it could be used to deal with homosexual rights.

"If you cannot make any discrimination based on sex, then how can you validly say there can only be heterosexual marriages or that only a heterosexual couple can adopt children?" she asked.

While Williams contends that topics such as homosexual marriages are reserved to a state decision, Ridgeway says it leaves too much room for questions. Ridgeway says she cannot see the benefits of the bill to women in America.

"I can't really think of anything this amendment can give me that I don't already have," she said. "I own my own busi-

ness, I have a law degree, I have been elected overwhelmingly by the people of my district, and as I serve in the House my bills are passed without regard to the fact that I happen to be a woman.

"The worst thing that could happen to me as a good lawyer and a good business woman and a state representative is to have a woman who is not qualified put here because of some mandate that she must be put there," Ridgeway said. "Then I get discredited because a woman who wasn't ready to be there or didn't want to be there had to fill a slot."

Williams says affirmative action ideals are opposite of the goals of the ERA.

"I think that's talking about special treatment, and we (the ERA) are talking about equal treatment. This is the point of the ERA. Hopefully, we would get to a point in time where we don't need affirmative action."

No discrimination based on sex, Williams says, will also include men, which might come into play when dealing with custody cases.

"If there are men who are not being treated equally, the ERA should address that, too," she said.

Ridgeway remains unconvinced.

"I have yet to have someone explain to me the advances this is going to make for our next generation of daughters."

COORDINATING BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Commission works to address cost issues for colleges

Coordinating Board forms new committee

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Attempting to study and, if possible, curtail the rising costs of higher education is the purpose of a new study in affiliation with the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE).

The Missouri Commission on the Affordability of Higher Education began its study March 1 with its first meeting.

"Part of it relates to the National Commission on Higher Education congress convened in 1997," said Cheryl Kesel, public information specialist with the CBHE.

"There's been a lot of public concern and media attention to the rising cost of higher education."

Information from the CBHE says Missouri has the 15th largest system of higher education in the United States. Missouri's higher education institutions enrolled more than 320,000 students and graduated more than 68,000 students in 1997.

"The state is looking at things they can do and colleges are looking at what they can do to reduce the cost," Kesel said.

She says the commission, which was appointed in December, looked at the issue of affordability in its first meeting.

"They will also look at the cost of operating the institution and what outside factors may be affecting the cost," Kesel said.

"This also includes how financial aid and other subsidies affect the cost of higher education."

Part of the commission's job will be to find a way to deal with problems pinpointed by the national committee.

"The national commission found that colleges have to comply with a lot of federal regulations, which adds to their cost, and this has to be covered somehow," Kesel said.

Some factors that affect the affordability of higher education include the price of attendance (cost of running the institution), and the role of student financial aid, she said.

Kesel said she thinks another issue that will be raised is the way people perceive higher education.

"There's a lot of confusion about what it really does cost to attend college," she said.

"Over 50 percent of students in higher education in Missouri pay less than \$4,000 a year. That's not what the newspapers and magazines are showing, and they think it's not attainable."

TAKING TIME TO LEARN



GINNY DUMOND/The Chart

Sarah Russell, sophomore at Northeast R-4 High School in Cairo along with friend Jennifer Denney, a freshman at Cairo, survey pictures of people who have been killed by drunk drivers during a display Tuesday afternoon on the front steps of the Capitol by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

"If you're a person with a chronic illness, you're going to have bills, and without good insurance that's a lot of money to deal with."

Health insurance bill increases access for high-risk groups

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Changes made to health insurance statutes by a bill that recently moved from the House to the Senate may carry a large fiscal note, but may also ease the burden of many Missourians.

House Bill 718 would help provide health insurance to some of the approximately 700,000 Missourians without insurance in a number of ways.

"Employers can now write off the cost of insurance [on their taxes], so self-employed individuals will be able to do that too now," Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) said.

Because small business owners and employees and the self-employed are more likely to be uninsured due to the absence of a group plan, this tax credit would alleviate some of that financial pressure.

Also under the bill, insurance companies

would have to accept any individuals regardless of previously existing medical conditions.

Currently, the "uninsurable" pay a rate of 200 percent of the average.

"This bill drops it to 135 percent," Surface said. "This means they will only be paying 35 percent more than the standard rate."

Surface says this will help establish an insurance background for the individual.

"Then, those people will have the ability to be moved into a standard policy after one year," he said.

Surface believes, however, the revisions will have to be made in the Senate that will make the bill more realistic for the state budget.

It currently carries a fiscal note of \$152 million.

Surface thinks changes could perhaps be made to keep high-risk individuals in separate pools (standard and high-risk), which

might alleviate higher premiums for healthy individuals.

"If a bunch of people move from the high-risk pool into the standard-rate group, they will skew the rates for those who are healthy," he said.

Laura Wilhelm, a junior nursing major at Missouri Southern, received a kidney donation six years ago. She says it is difficult for those with preexisting conditions to find good coverage.

"For those out there who have medical conditions similar to mine, it could be a big blessing," she said. "It is extremely difficult to find medical coverage."

Wilhelm says sometimes simply finding insurance companies who offer policies to those in high-risk categories is not sufficient.

"Sometimes when you do find insurance, it only pays part of it and is really expensive," she said.

"If you're a person with a chronic illness,

you're going to have a lot of bills, and without good insurance that's a lot of money to deal with."

Wilhelm is getting married in May, so her insurance under her parents will be terminated.

"Right now I'm really uncertain, because nobody can tell me they will cover me for specific things for sure."

Being able to afford quality insurance is more than just a money matter, Wilhelm says.

"I think this is a great bill and a great idea because it allows people who have illnesses they can't control to be treated pretty much normally. It allows them to be equal to everybody else."

Surface agrees the bill, while expensive, has several upsides.

"It'll allow them to have standard coverage for life, and I think it will be a significant benefit for people with long-term illnesses."

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS BRIEFS

David Glass to receive Bronze Bear from SMSU

Southwest Missouri State University alumnus David Glass has been named the recipient of the Bronze Bear Award presented by SMSU.

The Bronze Bear Award, first presented in 1998, honors "extraordinary achievement and/or outstanding support" for SMSU.

Glass, president and chief executive officer of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., was recommended for the award by SMSU President John Keiser at the April meeting of the SMSU Board of Governors. Keiser made the recommendation on behalf of the SMSU administration, the SMSU Faculty Senate, the Staff Advisory Council, and the Student Government Association.

The award includes a framed resolution and a 45-pound, 18-inch Bronze Bear in an upright position mounted on a base. Glass will receive the award during SMSU's spring commencement on May 14. The first Bronze Bear recipient was John Q. Hammons.

"In every speech I give, I say 'It's a privilege to be a Bear,' and I mean it," Keiser said.

"The Bronze Bear Award is intended to identify those individuals who feel the same way and who have taken significant action to demonstrate that they mean it. With his 35 years of significant involvement with SMSU, there is no better person to receive this award than David Glass."

Glass has made numerous gifts to the SMSU Foundation over the years. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting from SMSU in 1960.

CMSU hosts conference focusing on values

From issues such as human cloning, death and dying, to affirmative action, morality, and politics, a wide slate of topics will be presented at the 27th Conference on Value Inquiry April 22-24 at Central Missouri State University.

At least 150 people will come to campus from five continents and 11 countries. A virtual Symposium on Value Inquiry, to be offered via the Internet, will involve about 50 other individuals representing nine countries. The theme for the conference and virtual symposium is "Twentieth Century Values."

"In addition to being the largest Value Inquiry conference ever held, the 27th Conference on Value Inquiry ranks in the top 10 percent of philosophical conferences held by academic societies," said conference coordinator Kenneth Cust, director of Central's Center for Applied and Professional Ethics. "Moreover, this conference will take its place in history as the second largest gathering of philosophers in the state of Missouri."

Truman State achieves business accreditation

Truman State University has achieved accreditation of its bachelor's and master's degree programs in business administration and accounting by recent action of the board of directors of AACSB, the international association for management education.

As of March 1999, 364 colleges and universities have achieved AACSB accreditation for their degree programs in business. According to the U.S. Department of Education, approximately 1,200 U.S. institutions offer the undergraduate business degree.

"The accreditation process is the culmination of many years of hard work and a total commitment from the business and accounting faculty," said Robert Dager, head of Truman's division of business and accounting.

To achieve accreditation, the business and accounting programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of demanding standards relating to the curriculum, faculty resources, admissions, degree requirements, library and computer facilities, financial resources, and intellectual climate.

Sports Scope

Tennis seniors
pave the way
with success

As the semester begins to round turn No. 4 and make a final push for the back stretch, it serves to remind me that another semester of spring sports soon will be concluding at Missouri Southern.

The end can not come soon enough for head baseball coach Warren Turner. The latest barrage of injuries put the final confirmation on Turner's recruiting plans, which are a big 10-4 for May.

After some early season concern regarding her team's reservations for Shawnee Mission, Kan., Pat Lipira has survived a stagnant offense and the loss of pitching ace Britany Hargis for a portion of the season in getting the Lady Lions hitting on all cylinders to defend their MIAA championship.

Southern swept a pair of doubleheaders Monday and Tuesday, dropping Evangel by identical 1-0 scores and ripping Northeastern State University 8-0 and 9-1 to push its record four games over the .500 mark for the first time all season. With the conference's best team ERA, you have to like the repeat factor.

Anybody hear from the golf team? Patty Vavra and Tom Rutledge have gotten some quality performances out of their usual headlines, with several already possessing provisional marks for the NCAA Division II track and field championships.

Now, let us name our Freeman MVP of the spring sports schedule. The winner is the Lady Lions' tennis team. For being named the Freeman MVP, the tennis team will receive the majority of this article to recognize its outstanding season.

Anybody for tennis? We have a tennis team? Yes, we certainly do! I know that, but that is a response I've heard on several occasions when there was mention of a tennis team.

Let's clear the air and give Southern's winningest spring sport the recognition it seldom receives but most definitely deserves. The Lady Lions, coached by Linda Gebauer, a 1980 Southern graduate who also pulls double duty as the Joplin High School girls' tennis coach, came into Wednesday afternoon's match with Truman State University with an overall record of 11-3 (the best in school history). Southern, 13th in the latest regional rankings, has finally gained the attention of somebody.

Following today's final regular-season match, the Lady Lions will travel to Springfield to take part in the MIAA post-season tournament. I bet the nationally ranked Washburn Ichabods are looking over their shoulders, as they eked-out a 5-4 decision over Southern back on April 5 in Joplin.

The three Lady Lion seniors — Heather Andrews, Valerie Butler, and Jaime Dill — can leave knowing that they were part of something very special. They will possess a memory that will hold a special place in their hearts and Missouri Southern tennis history.

If you did not make it out to a match this year, I am sure you will be forgiven. However, now that you know there is a team, congratulate them on their season if you see one of them on campus. Next season, show your support and catch a match. No excuses. Congratulations, Lady Lions, and best of luck. ☐



Russell Dake
Staff Writer

BASEBALL

Trio plays final home game

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Freshman Malachi Momper did his part to give the Lion seniors a fond farewell from Joe Becker Stadium Tuesday.

Momper (1-4) threw a shutout to give Southern (10-31, 4-15 MIAA) a 2-0 victory in the first game of a doubleheader against Southwest Baptist (21-16, 12-9). However, a seventh-inning rally fell short and the team dropped the second game 9-8.

"We put on a good charge, we never say die, and that's part of our team. It would have been nice to get a win," said senior first baseman Kent Long. "We can look in the mirror and say we did our best."

The Lions were down 9-6 heading into their final at-bats.

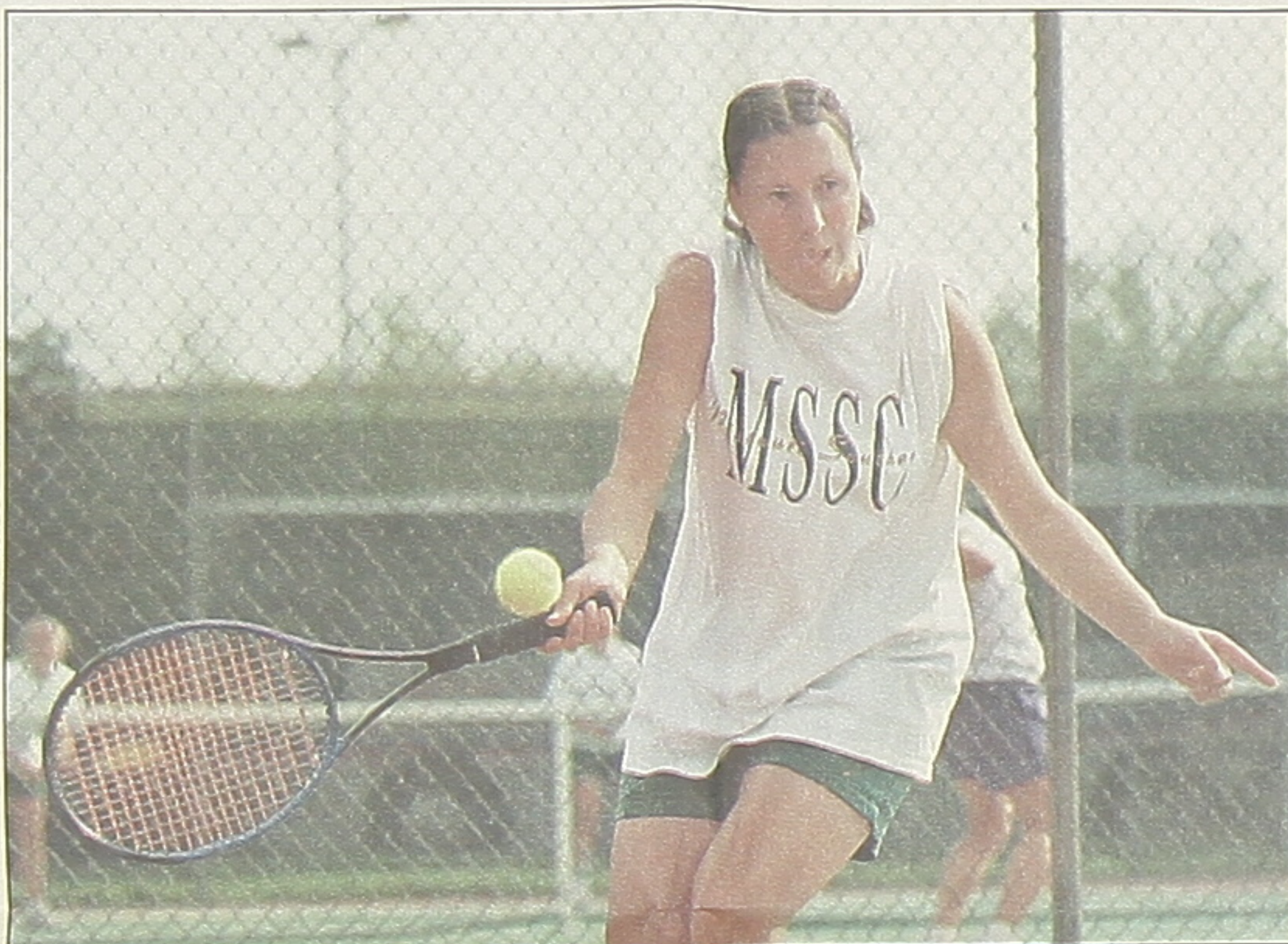
Senior designated hitter Flave Darnell was hit by a pitch, and Long doubled to deep left to start the rally. Sophomore right fielder Dan Gustafson reached base on an error, and freshman catcher Sean Ritchie drove Darnell in with a single. Mayes doubled to center, bringing in Long and Gustafson. With two out and Southern down 9-8, freshman centerfielder Joey Ballard stepped to the plate. Ballard's shot did not reach the left field fence and was caught for the final out.

It was a bittersweet moment for Darnell, Long, and junior pitcher Justin Dudinsky, all playing their final game for Southern. Long, an alumnus of Joplin High School, played both his prep and college careers in Joe Becker Stadium.

"The biggest game was probably my first game here and my last game here," he said. "They are memories I will treasure

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TENNIS



NOFPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Senior Valerie Butler concentrates as she returns a ball to her opponent in Wednesday's match against Truman State University. The Lady Lions lost 5-4 to the Lady Bulldogs and have begun competition in the conference tournament.

Conference tournament underway

By RUSSELL DAKE
STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature washed away what was supposed to be a busy weekend of tennis for the Lady Lions. Lost to the rain: a Friday conference match-up with Lincoln University in Jefferson City and two matches Saturday in Fulton, Mo., against William Woods and Westminster.

Southern lost to Truman State University 5-4 Wednesday in a rescheduled conference match.

The match-up between Truman State and the Lady Lions was crucial to the seedings for the conference tournament and the regional rankings.

"This dual was pretty important for our ranking," said head coach Linda Gebauer. "It also is important for the seedings tomorrow."

Entering the week, Southern held the 13th position in the latest regional rankings.

The top 13 teams qualify for regional action that is scheduled to take place May 7-9 at sites that are yet to be determined. In order to host a regional, the bidder must have indoor facilities.

The conference tournament got under way Thursday in Springfield with a 9:30 a.m. coaches meeting to determine the seeding for the singles and doubles action. Seedings were given to the top four players and doubles teams based upon the conference records in head-to-head play.

"All the schools have played each other close," Gebauer said. "I think you have to look at Washburn and Northwest. I think it will be a close tournament. We played Northwest the first weekend of the season. We lost 6-3, but we had four

matches go to tiebreakers."

The Lady Lions hoped to get seeds in No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 singles and in No. 2 doubles. Senior Heather Andrews is 14-3 at No. 2 singles, Mendy McMunn is 16-3 at No. 3 singles, and senior Valerie Butler is 15-3 at No. 4 singles. The No. 2 doubles team of McMunn and Butler carried an undefeated record into the competition.

"I've been pleased with the way the season has gone," Gebauer said. "I think the girls don't want it to end. We've had a good season for my first year coming in, and I think we have turned a lot of heads."

Southern freshman Kerri Murphy has been given clearance to begin practicing next week after sustaining a partial tear of her medial collateral ligament. If the Lady Lions make the regional, she could possibly see action. ☐

TRACK & FIELD

Teams run well
at Invitational,
face busy week

By ROBBY BALL
STAFF WRITER

As the only Division II school in the Tyson Invitational at the University of Arkansas, both Southern track teams were pushed to perform their best last weekend.

Senior distance runner Amanda Harrison had a career best in the 800 and placed fourth in the 1,500, a second off a provisional mark.

"The weather really favored the distance runners," said Patty Vavra, head women's coach. "They ran at night, so the wind had died down and the cold wasn't as much of a factor."

Freshman Margaret Miklovic ran a personal best in the 3,000 and placed fourth, and improved her time in the 1,500.

"Margaret's best time in the 1,500 had been around a 10:30," Vavra said. "She ran a 10:19, a big improvement."

Senior Tina Keller did not run on Saturday due to an injury.

"She improved her time in the 100-meter hurdles on Friday," Vavra said. "But she is still having trouble with an injury from indoor nationals. We hope we can keep her in good enough shape to bring her back in the next couple of weeks."

Senior thrower Stephanie Wainscott placed third in the shot put.

"This was a very competitive meet, and we did very well," Vavra said. "If you placed in this meet, you did something right."

"We had some other girls step up as well, not just seniors."

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"We had a very good meet this week; Tyson Sims and Jake Wells ran good races as well," Rutledge said. "Tyson improved his time in the hurdles, and since he just started, it was nice to see that. Jake and Brian Hill improved in the 1,500 as well."

Southern's younger squad members in the long jump and triple jump improved as well, getting more consistent in their events.

"We had a very good meet this week," Rutledge said. "We had talked about staying focused in this last part of the season, and they did well."

With final examinations approaching and the end of the semester, it becomes more of a challenge to keep an eye on the task at hand.

"We talked about just staying with it, because we have several more weeks left in the season, so it is far from over," Rutledge said.

The next three weeks are packed for the Lions and Lady Lions. They will host the Bill Williams Invitational this weekend. The heptathletes will head to Pittsburg State University for their conference championship next weekend, while the rest of the team goes to Southwest Missouri State University. The conference championship for all other events will be held the weekend of May 7 at Northwest Missouri State University.

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SOFTBALL

Stanley pitches shutout, Lady Lions split with Washburn

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS/DESIGN EDITOR

After winning 10 of their last 11 games, the Missouri Southern softball team (22-18) split at Washburn University Wednesday night.

Washburn, currently second in the MIAA, was able to shut out the Lady Lions 2-0 in the first game. Sophomore Britany Hargis (6-4), who was on a four-game winning streak, picked up the loss in Southern's scoring drought. She struck out nine batters and allowed only three hits in the contest.

"Britany pitched a great game, but it was just a matter of putting a few hits together in one inning," head coach Pat Lipira said. "That's how it was in both games."

Freshman Hailey Stanley got the

call on the mound in the second game and pitched a 2-0 shutout to salvage the split.

"I'm happy we got the split," Lipira said. "We were on the road and they are second in the conference. We're evenly matched teams."

The Lady Lions were able to shut down Evangel on Monday in a pair of 1-0 contests. They returned to the field Tuesday to drill Northeastern State 8-0 and 9-1.

In the first game Monday, Stacy Gupill not only pitched nine scoreless innings but went 3-for-3 and scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth. Freshman shortstop Erin Turner came in on a wild pitch to score the lone run of



Stacy Gupill comes into second base standing in Monday's contest against Evangel. The Lady Lions won both games.

NOFPADOL PAOTHONG
The Chart

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the second game, and Stanley pitched a three-hit shutout. "Monday was freshman day out," Lipira said.

"Both of them (Guptill and Stanley) pitched great games for us."

On Tuesday, Hargis pitched seven of 10 innings and increased her record to 6-3. She gave up two hits in the first game, which lasted five innings.

Elisha Bonnot started the second game for the Lady Lions, but gave up seven hits and one run in the first three innings, causing Lipira to bring in Hargis.

"They must have liked Bonnot's pitching style," Lipira said. "They hit off of her pretty well. We couldn't afford to give up a game to them, so I had to bring in Britany."

Kelley Hale, Stephanie Bunker, and Turner registered two hits apiece. Amber Shoemaker and

Hale had two RBIs each.

The Lady Lions continue their long road trip at Lincoln University Saturday and the University of Missouri-Rolla Sunday.

They will then play at Northeastern Tuesday before returning home Wednesday to face Emporia State University.

Lipira said she would love to see her team finally win a doubleheader on the road.

"We split at Northwest, Missouri Western, and Pittsburg State, so we'd really like to sweep these next few teams at their places," she said. "We need to get a good seed in the conference tournament."

Although the team started the season slowly, Lipira thinks Southern is peaking at the right time.

"We're better off starting slowly and improving," she said. "We've had all the ingredients to win all along, but I think our timing is good." □

BASEBALL: Lions to battle Emporia

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and carry with me the rest of my life."

For Darnell, the most memorable moment of his Southern experience was his freshman year. The Lions were facing Oklahoma State. Darnell's older brother, Bryce, was also on the team.

With the game on the line, both Darnell brothers were on base.

Bryce scored on a sacrifice fly and the Lions won.

Dudinsky, sidelined by injury, could only watch the action.

Southern's final series for 1999

will be at Emporia State (15-25, 7-11 MIAA). The Lions will face the Hornets in a doubleheader Saturday and a single game Sunday.

The Lions have lost to the Hornets in the last two MIAA playoffs.

Head coach Warren Turner said his team never recovered from early season defeats to NCAA Division I schools.

"We never did rebound from the losses," he said.

Last weekend, the Lions dropped three home games to league-leading Central Missouri, 17-4, 13-10, and 13-3. □

TRACK: Frank's ranks in top ten

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Season could be nearing close

Sports Scope

Four factors fuel Southern's embarrassment

This has been an embarrassing year for Missouri Southern baseball. The Lions are last in the MIAA standings with a 5-14 conference record.

This weekend they will try to close out the year on a positive

note with a series at Emporia State. Missouri Southern will likely only read about the MIAA playoffs.

Sure, there may be a mathematical



Jeff Wells
Managing Editor

chance of the Lions sneaking into the postseason, but I would prefer to see them close out this season with wins at Emporia State.

If Southern made it to the conference dance, the Lions would face powerhouse Central Missouri State and make a quick exit.

Why did Southern fall so low this season?

I believe it was poor defense, injuries, inexperience, and possibly they were intimidated by their opponents.

The Lions could not keep a handle on the ball this spring.

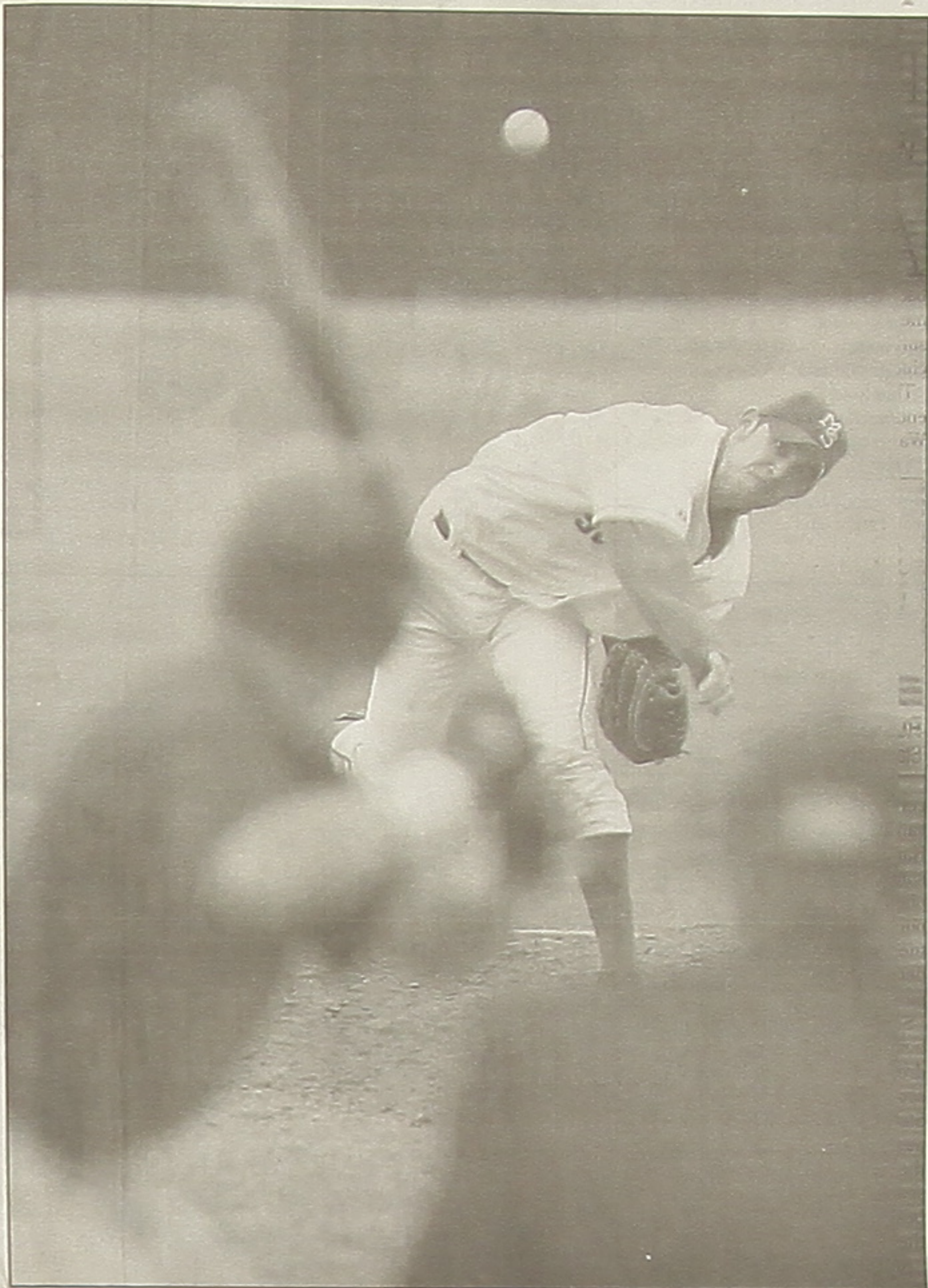
Southern played only two error-free games, a 4-2 loss to Morningside on March 18 and Tuesday's 2-0 victory over Southwest Baptist.

It was not uncommon for the Lions to be charged with four or five errors in a single game.

The team performance may have been better without the loss of two key players to injuries.

Freshman catcher Danny Pinkerton was hitting .316 with 13 doubles, three home runs, and 28 RBI before being injured.

Junior Justin Dudinsky was having a good year on the mound and at the plate. He was batting .347 with 12 doubles, four home runs, and 27 RBI.



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Junior pitcher Trevor Brown picked up the loss in Saturday's first nine-inning game against Central Missouri State University. The Lions lost both games in the doubleheader.

Coach Warren Turner said both players face a long rehab if they return to play.

Dudinsky may have played his last game as a Lion.

He is engaged and planning to transfer to another school in the fall. His promising career at Southern fell apart with several injuries, including this year.

Only two seniors were on the roster this season: designated hitter Flave Darnell and first baseman Kent Long.

Turner said another good freshmen class next year, combined with the talents of the current class, will allow Southern to return to champi-

onship contention.

Pitcher Malachi Momper, catcher Sean Ritchie, pitcher Nick Johnson, and others have made an impact in their first year at Southern.

But no freshman has left his mark on the MIAA like center-fielder Joey Ballard.

Ballard captured co-MIAA Freshman of the Year honors last fall in football and is up for the award in baseball.

Never before has an MIAA athlete received the recognition in two sports. Ballard should get at least a portion of the award this spring.

Turner said his team never

rebounded from early season losses to NCAA Division I schools.

He schedules the games to challenge his team so conference opponents seem less daunting.

However, the team never lost awe of its opponents. Lion batters struck out looking far too many times.

Southern will have fewer home games next year in preparation for a move to a campus stadium.

Next year will be another building year for the Lions.

The combination of these factors do not give me high hopes for next year, but I hope the team surprises me. □

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WARMING HEARTS

Senior nursing major Laura Wilhelm helps gold medalist Chris Jones warm up after his event.

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Senior nursing major Carey Whitehead prepares to embrace a competitor who crosses the finish line at the Special Olympics on Friday April 16, which was held at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

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Rain, hail put no damper on fun

By ERIN SELLERS
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Last Friday, Missouri Southern's Hughes Stadium was frequented by many world-class athletes.

Through hail, rain, and nearly freezing temperatures, the athletes smiled as they participated in the annual Special Olympics.

Barbara Clark, an eighth grader at Joplin, summed up the events with a few words, "It's fun, but cold."

Besides the hundreds of athletes, there were also hundreds of volunteers.

"Once you do it, it seems like you're hooked," said Cindy Brosam, residential manager of the Sunshine Group Home in Carthage.

The volunteers provided encouragement to the athletes by making sandwiches, cheering on the participants, and, of course, giving them a hug when they crossed the finish line.

Among the volunteers were many athletes and coaches from Southern, along with staff and stu-

dents from various other organizations on campus.

"The athletic department tries to use the coaches and athletes to administer the track events," said Sallie Beard, women's athletic director. "Athletics has kind of found its niche in administering the events themselves."

The effort the volunteers put forth is merely a reflection of the spirit the athletes possess.

"Everybody seems to have so much fun," Brosam said. "They're competitive, but they don't let that get in the way."

Brosam explained an incident that occurred during one race where a participant fell down and another participant stopped and helped the first up.

"[Special Olympics] increases a child's self image," said Joy O'Toole, a speech and language pathologist at Diamond Elementary School and encourager for the event. "It gets them interested in sports and helps them support their peers."

John Vaughn, the events coordinator, said the games first came to Southern several years ago.



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Frank Shewmake of East Newton prays with his 9-year old niece Cassie Gibbens. She received two gold medals.

"There's a nice marriage between the event and Missouri Southern, with the College serving the geographic location and those that support," Vaughn said. "And Southern being able to have their kids participate in the event."

Vaughn also said the artificial track and the rest of Southern facil-

ities made it possible to carry on with the games despite the weather.

"I think we had half as many as we hoped for," he said. "But judging from the response of the athletes, it was a success."

"There were a lot of smiles and a lot of cheers." □



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Students from the Aurora school district huddle to protect themselves from the cold weather on Friday.